



CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

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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.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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 Updegrave

Monday, January 30

9:00 a.m. Joseph Valente (RIP) by Ginny Prusaczyk

Tuesday, January 31 – St. John Bosco, Priest

9:00 a.m. Jeanette Carpenter (Birthday) by Kendall Carpenter

Wednesday, February 1

9:00 a.m. Jeff McMillan (Birthday) by Vickie Kiser

Thursday, February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Susan Mizyed (Birthday) by Vickie Kiser

Friday, February 3 –

St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

9:00 a.m. John Suchoski (RIP) by Margaret Suchoski

Saturday, February 4

5:00 p.m. Thelma Regina Fernandes (RIP)
by Msgr. Enke & Parish Staff

Sunday, February 5 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Shannon Callahan (RIP) by Terlecky Family

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

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 29, 2023 – YEAR A

PRELUDE

Improvisation on "We Are the Light of the World" (J.A. Greif)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING: O God, Beyond All Praising (#547)

GLORIA: Mass of Christ the Savior (#914)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 146: Blessed are the poor in spirit...
(p. 62)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 62)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (#629)

HOLY, WHEN WE EAT, AMEN: Mass of Christ the Savior
(#917, 919, 921)

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

COMMUNION: The Lord Is My Light (#693)

COMMUNION 2 (10:45 a.m. Choir): O Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit
(arr. R. Proulx)

CONCLUDING RITES

CLOSING: O Bless the Lord, My Soul (#563)

CANTORS

5:00 p.m.: Beth Spieles

8:15 a.m.: Karen Bovenizer

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



NOTES FROM THE LOFT

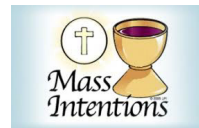
♪ Today's offertory hymn is "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service." Its text is by Albert F. Bayly, an English minister who wrote a couple hundred hymn texts in the decades after World War II. Unlike some hymn writers, Bayly did not compose or assign music to the text, so different publishers have paired it with different tunes. Although he was an Englishman, the two most common tunes for this text are American in origin: BEACH SPRING and HOLY MANNA. (Our hymnal uses HOLY MANNA.) In this week to come, may we follow Christ's example and strive to serve others humbly.

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

WELCOME SUNDAY is February 5!

Be sure to plan to go to Welcome Sunday, affectionately known as "Donut Sunday" next week after Masses in the Parish Hall.

SCHEDULE A MASS INTENTION



Mass Intentions are being scheduled for 2023. To schedule a Mass Intention for a loved one – living or deceased – or for a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary, please [contact Maggie at the church office at maggie@saintedwards.org](mailto:maggie@saintedwards.org).

To comply with Diocesan Finance Office policies, a \$10.00 stipend is requested for Mass Intentions.

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Last Sunday, following Masses, I returned to the serenity of my backyard freshly covered in snow. With my dog Paddy curled up next to me, I was immensely happy with the results of our parish's "Night Under the Stars." The dance was sponsored by our K of C, but planned and carried out primarily by young families of our parish. The parish hall was spectacularly decorated, the food delicious, and the dance was attended by a nice mix of parishioners. I was struck by how happy all seemed to be. It was a happiness I shared, as well, and one that seemed to spill over to Sunday Masses, which also saw the return of a number of Denison students. I can truly say it was one of the best weekends I've had here at St. Edward in my 23 years as pastor. God bless all who donated their time and talent for the good of all!



"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!

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE (CELL) _____

PHONE (HOME) _____

This Week at St. Edward

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass– 8:15 a.m.

Mass – 10:45 a.m.

Choir – 9:30 a.m. on Choir Loft

PSR – 9:30 a.m.

Preschool Enrollment Forms in Gathering Space

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

“Theology of the Body,” Gaga Ball,
and Jimmy John’s for dinner

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Eucharist Adoration – 9:30 a.m.

Preschool

Preschool Community Enrollment begins

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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, FEBRUARY 2

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Preschool

Choir – 7:00 p.m.

PSR Sacrament Preparation – 6:00-7:15 p.m. – Classroom 7

Knights of Columbus – 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Mass – 9:00 a.m. *First Friday Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena*

Preschool

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Confessions – 4:00 p.m.

Mass – 5:00 p.m. *Blessing of Throats*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Mass – 8:15 a.m. *Blessing of Throats*

Mass – 10:45 a.m. *Blessing of Throats*

SVDP Collection

Welcome Sunday after Masses

PSR – 9:30 a.m.

Choir – 9:30 a.m. on Choir Loft

Youth Group – **HOMELESS OUTREACH** – meet at 3:00 p.m.
to prepare dinner and then go to Newark to
distribute food and clothing.



YOU ARE INVITED TO
ChristLife – Sharing Christ
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
Desserts will be served.

Ministry Scheduler Pro

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS
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
FEBRUARY 4-5: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Karen Kolbe Jerod Long	John Fitzpatrick	Jude Long Dean Long
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Chris Carter Gary Carter	Tori Helgerman	Jonathan Gardner (sub req.) Paul McDonald
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	Von Downing Margo Downing	Rose Ann Stevenson	Peter Moberg Warren Moberg

Please check in sacristy for current list of weekend volunteers

BENEFIT CONCERT
MISSION: POSSIBLE
CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR ALL

SATURDAY FEB 4TH 6-9PM

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.

ADULT FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP

Sundays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Lounge

For Parents of PSR Students

A new group has started for parents of PSR students. While students are in PSR, parents will meet to discuss various parts of the Catholic faith. If you have questions about the Catholic faith, this is the place to find answers in a non-judgmental environment. Questions will not be considered insignificant. Led by Richard Hoben, the class will include videos and discussion. All adults are welcome.

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 22

Offertory \$ 4,100.00
Online \$ 5,494.00

Contribution Statements have been prepared. If you would like to have yours, please contact the office at 740-587-3254.

*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, please update your online account. For help, contact the parish office.

SVDP Collection ~ February 5
February Diocesan Second Collections
Catholic Times ~ February 12
Black & Indian Missions ~ February 26



walking with purpose

NEW! WALKING WITH PURPOSE VIRTUAL GROUP!



Are you searching for a community of faith-filled 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-a-group/?id=virtual-groups>. Join us for *Walking with Purpose* Catholic women's ministry where we journey through

Scripture together. Come as you are! No previous Bible Study experience required! Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall; Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Lounge. Questions? Contact Janice Schroeder at 419-265-0266 or Barb Hinterschied at 740-403-3736.

HISTORY OF BLESSING OF THE THROATS

St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr was a physician who was appointed bishop of Sabastea (now in Turkey). People flocked to him for the cure of bodily ills. In 316, the Roman governor of Emperor Licinius was sent to Sabastea and began to persecute Christians. Blaise took refuge in a cave and lived there, where he healed wild animals. Licinius' henchmen found him and took him to the governor, who commanded that the famed Bishop renounce his faith in public. On the way, a woman approached the bishop and held out her son who was dying from a fishbone caught in his throat. The child was healed instantly. Due to this miracle, St. Blaise is the patron saint of throat ailments. St. Blaise did not refuse his faith and was condemned to death by wool carding tools to rip his flesh. He survived the torture, so he was beheaded.

from The Little Book of Saints



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

ANDREW DINNER

MONDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2023
Blessed Sacrament - Newark

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2023
St. Mary - Marion

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2023
Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus

TUESDAY MARCH 28, 2023
St. Mary - Chillicothe, Family Life Center

THURSDAY MARCH 30
Sacred Heart, New Philadelphia



RSVP to the Vocations Office: 614-221-5565 / vocations@columbuscatholic.org
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!

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



2023-2024 ST. EDWARD'S PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Preschool registration is now open to parish families. Packets are available on the table in the gathering space by the doors to the main parking lot or on the parish website. The application form can be completed, and the fee paid online at <https://saintedwards.org/enrollment-forms>. 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.

Considering Becoming Catholic?

Catholic with Questions? Unbeliever?

Think Catholics are Old-Fashioned?

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

**I WANT TO LEARN WHAT
CATHOLICS ARE ABOUT!**

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EMAIL _____

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 February is dedicated to The Holy Family.

“Enjoy yourself as much as you like – if only you keep from sin.” +SAINT JOHN BOSCO

Monday, January 30 ~ Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Mark 5:1-20 Jesus and his disciples came to the other side of the sea, to the territory of the Gerasenes. When he got out of the boat, at once a man from the tombs who had an unclean spirit met him. The man had been dwelling among the tombs, and no one could restrain him any longer, even with a chain. In fact, he had frequently been bound with shackles and chains, but the chains had been pulled apart by him and the shackles smashed, and no one was strong enough to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the hillsides he was always crying out and bruising himself with stones. Catching sight of Jesus from a distance, he ran up and prostrated himself before him, crying out in a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me!” (He had been saying to him, “Unclean spirit, come out of the man!”) He asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “Legion is my name. There are many of us.” And he pleaded earnestly with him not to drive them away from that territory. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside. And they pleaded with him, “Send us into the swine. Let us enter them.” And he let them, and the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine. The herd of about two thousand rushed down a steep bank into the sea, where they were drowned. The swineherds ran away and reported the incident in the town and throughout the countryside. And people came out to see what had happened. As they approached Jesus, they caught sight of the man who had been possessed by Legion, sitting there clothed and in his right mind. And they were seized with fear. Those who witnessed the incident explained to them what had happened to the possessed man and to the swine. Then they began to beg him to leave their district. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed pleaded to remain with him. But Jesus would not permit him but told him instead, “Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you.” Then the man went off and began to proclaim in the Decapolis what Jesus had done for him; and all were amazed.

Meditation: Jesus took pity on the man who was overtaken by a legion of evil spirits. The destructive force of these demons is evident for all who can see as they flee and destroy a herd of swine. After Jesus freed the demoniac the whole city came out to meet him. No one had demonstrated such power and authority against the forces of Satan as Jesus did. They feared Jesus as a result and begged him to leave them. Why would they not want Jesus to stay? Perhaps the price for such liberation from the power of evil and sin was more than they wanted to pay. Jesus is ready and willing to free us from anything that binds us and that keeps us from the love of God. Are you willing to part with such things?

Prayer: Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honor you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. 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: A legion is no small force — but an army 6,000 strong! For the people of Palestine, hemmed in by occupied forces, a legion, whether spiritual or human, struck terror! Legions at their wildest committed unmentionable atrocities. Our age has also witnessed untold crimes and mass destruction at the hands of possessed rulers and their armies. What is more remarkable — the destructive force of this driven and possessed man? Or the bended knee at Jesus' feet imploring mercy and release? God's word reminds us that no destructive force can keep anyone from the peace and safety which God offers to those who seek his help. “A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand; but it will not come near you...Because you have made the Lord your refuge” (Psalm 91:7,9).

Tuesday, January 31 ~ Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint John Bosco, Priest ~ Founder of the Salesian Society

Holy Gospel: Mark 5:21-43 When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the sea. One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, "My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live." He went off with him and a large crowd followed him. There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had. Yet she was not helped but only grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. She said, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who has touched my clothes?" But his disciples said to him, "You see how the crowd is pressing upon you, and yet you ask, Who touched me?" And he looked around to see who had done it. The woman, realizing what had happened to her, approached in fear and trembling. She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction." While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue official's house arrived and said, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?" Disregarding the message that was reported, Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." He did not allow anyone to accompany him inside except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." And they ridiculed him. Then he put them all out. He took along the child's father and mother and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was. He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum" which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded. He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat.

Meditation: People in desperate or helpless circumstances were not disappointed when they sought Jesus out. What drew them to Jesus? Was it hope for a miracle or a word of comfort in their affliction? What did the elderly woman who had suffered greatly for twelve years expect Jesus to do for her? And what did a grieving father expect Jesus to do about his beloved lost daughter? Jesus gave hope where there seemed to be no human cause for it because his hope was directed to God. He spoke words of hope to the woman (Take heart, daughter!) to ignite the spark of faith in her (your faith has made you well!).

Prayer: O God, who raised up the Priest Saint John Bosco as a father and teacher of the young, grant we pray, that, aflame with the same fire of love, we may seek out souls and serve you alone. 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: Saint Ephrem of Syria commented on this miracle: "Glory to you, hidden Son of God, because your healing power is proclaimed through the hidden suffering of the afflicted woman. Through this woman whom they could see, the witnesses were enabled to behold the divinity that cannot be seen. Through the Son's own healing power his divinity became known. Through the afflicted woman's being healed her faith was made manifest. She caused him to be proclaimed, and indeed was honored with him. For truth was being proclaimed together with its heralds. If she was a witness to his divinity, he in turn was a witness to her faith...He saw through to her hidden faith, and gave her a visible healing." In Jesus we see the infinite love of God extending to each and every individual as he gives freely and wholly of himself to each person he meets. Do you approach the Lord with confident expectation that he will hear your request and act?

Wednesday, February 1 ~ Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Brigid of Ireland, Virgin

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:1-6 Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Meditation: Jesus startled his familiar audience with a seeming rebuke that no prophet or servant of God can receive honor among his own people. The people of Nazareth took offense at Jesus and refused to

listen to what he had to say. They despised his preaching because he was a mere workman, a carpenter, and a layman who had no formal training by a scholar or teacher. They also despised him because of his undistinguished family background. How familiarity can breed contempt. Jesus could do no mighty works in their midst because they were closed-minded and unbelieving towards him.

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, we rejoice today in the fellowship of your blessed servant Brigid, and give you thanks for her life of devoted service. Inspire us with life and light, and give us perseverance to serve you all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The word "gospel" literally means "good news." Isaiah had prophesied that the Messiah would come in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring freedom to the afflicted who suffered from physical, mental, or spiritual oppression (see Isaiah 61:1-2). Jesus came to set people free – not only from their physical, mental, and spiritual infirmities – but also from the worst affliction of all – the tyranny of slavery to sin, Satan, and the fear of losing one's life. God's power alone can save us from hopelessness, dejection, and emptiness of life. The gospel of salvation is "good news" for everyone who will receive it. Do you know, live and experience the joy and freedom of the gospel?

Thursday, February 2 ~ Fourth Week in Ordinary Time **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Meditation: Simeon was a just and devout man who was very much in tune with the Holy Spirit. He believed that the Lord would return to his temple and renew his chosen people. The Holy Spirit also revealed to him that the Messiah and King of Israel would also bring salvation to the Gentile nations. When Joseph and Mary presented the baby Jesus in the temple, Simeon immediately recognized this humble child of Bethlehem as the fulfillment of all the messianic prophecies, hopes, and prayers. Inspired by the Holy Spirit he prophesied that Jesus was to be "a revealing light to the Gentiles." There is a certain paradox for those blessed by the Lord. Mary was given the blessedness of being the mother of the Son of God. That blessedness also would become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon the cross. She received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. But her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fueled by her faith, hope, and trust in God and his promises.

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure. 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: Simeon was not alone in recognizing the Lord's presence in the temple. Anna, too, was filled with the Holy Spirit. She was found daily in the temple, attending to the Lord in prayer and speaking prophetically to others about God's promise to send a redeemer. Supernatural hope grows with prayer and

age! Anna was pre-eminently a woman of great hope and expectation that God would fulfill all his promises. She is a model of godliness to all believers as we advance in age. Advancing age and the disappointments of life can easily make us cynical and hopeless if we do not have our hope placed rightly. Anna's hope in God and his promises grew with age. She never ceased to worship God in faith and to pray with hope. Her hope and faith in God's promises fueled her indomitable zeal and fervor in prayer and service of God's people. What do you hope for? The hope which God places in our heart is the desire for the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness. How do we grow in hope? By placing our trust in the promises of Jesus Christ and relying not on our own strength, but on the grace and help of the Holy Spirit. Does your hope and fervor for God grow with age?

Friday, February 3 ~ Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14-29 King Herod heard about Jesus, for his fame had become widespread, and people were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead; That is why mighty powers are at work in him." Others were saying, "He is Elijah"; still others, "He is a prophet like any of the prophets." But when Herod learned of it, he said, "It is John whom I beheaded. He has been raised up." Herod was the one who had John 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. Herodias 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. His 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?" Her mother 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: When Herod heard the fame of Jesus he supposed that John the Baptist, whom he had beheaded, had returned from the dead. Unfortunately for Herod, he could not rid himself of sin by ridding himself of the man who confronted him with his sin. Herod was a weak man. 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. The Lord gives grace to the humble, to those who acknowledge their sins and who seek God's mercy and pardon. His grace and pardon not only frees us from a guilty conscience, it enables us to pursue holiness in thought and action as well. God's grace enables us to fight fear with faith and to overcome the temptation to compromise goodness and truth with wrongdoing and falsehood.

Prayer: Hear, O Lord, the supplications your people make under the patronage of the Martyr Saint Blaise, and grant that they may rejoice in peace in this present life, and find help for life eternal. 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: All of us have at one time or another been haunted by a guilty conscience. King Herod, the most powerful and wealthy man in Judea, had everything he wanted, except a clear conscience and peace with God. 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 relationship with his brother's wife. John ended up in prison because of Herodias' jealousy. Herod, out of impulse and a desire to please his family and friends, had John beheaded. Now Herod's conscience is pricked when he hears that some think that the Baptist has risen. Do you rely on God's grace and help to choose his way of holiness and to reject whatever would compromise your faith and loyalty to Christ?

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JOHN 1:5



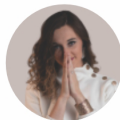
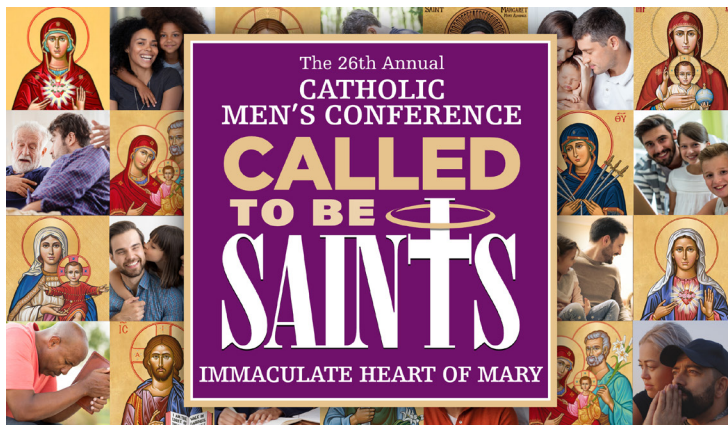
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01/15 YOUTH GROUP MEETING

6-8 PM

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

01/22 RESPECT FOR LIFE NIGHT

5-8PM

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

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)
- Eat 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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The Presentation of the Lord



At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's Birth, and the gala procession in honor of His Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice – her "purification." Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery – birth or death – excluded a person from Jewish worship. This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification. The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' Birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas. At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession. At the end of the same century, the blessing and distribution of candles – which continues to this day – became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas. *From Franciscan Media*

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SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Attention, 1st-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 16th. Sacraments will be received at the Easter Vigil on April 8th.

Do you feel called to journey with these children/youth preparing for the sacraments?

If interested in any support capacity, contact Rebecca Bucknam at reled@saintedwards.org.

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~ Rebecca Bucknam, PSR Director,

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BAPTISM



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

John 3:5

BAPTISM 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.

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Zep 2:3-3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12A



The Gospel Reading for today is what is popularly called the Sermon on the Mount. Many think it is the absolute epitome of Jesus' teachings. To be sure it tells us how we are to live our lives, the attitudes we are to have. We must remember that those who were waiting and hoping for the Messiah expected a military leader, one who would lead them in battle

against their oppressors.

In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gives a more accurate perspective of Who He is. He begins what we call the Beatitudes (the word means "blessings") with "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." In a sense, we are all "poor in spirit." Without the guidance and strength provided us by the Lord there is no way we can escape this poverty of spirit, of spirituality, if you will.

That is why we often say that living God-centered lives is at the very core of stewardship. Being a disciple of Christ translates into being a steward of our many gifts and blessings. Some scholars believe that Jesus may have given this sermon often during His ministry. Those who followed Jesus and became the earliest Christians, the first members of the Church, were fond of quoting and referring to what the Lord said on this occasion. As stated, Jesus provides us with the secret of living a good life. If we rely on Him and follow Him, we will be blessed.

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