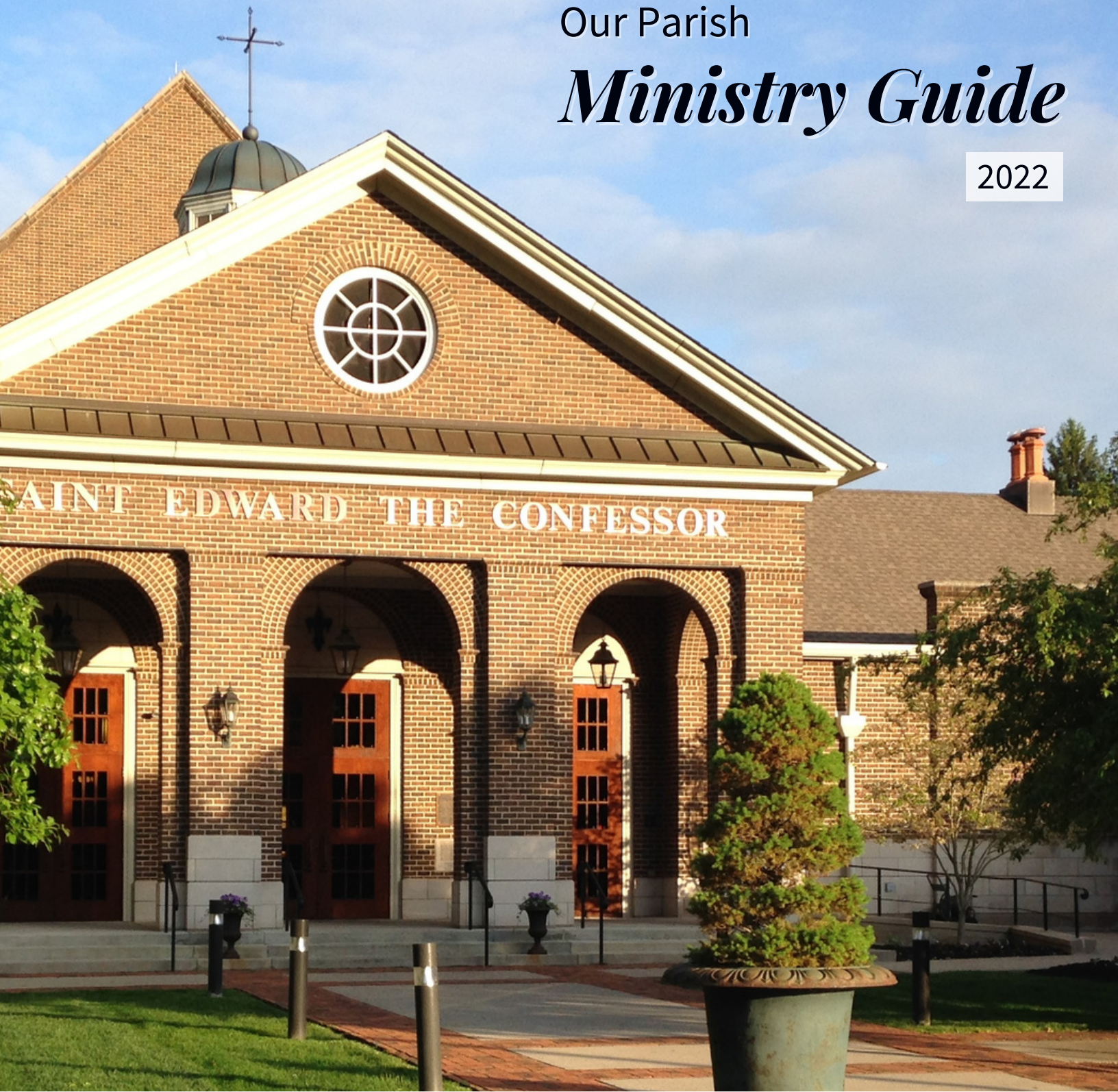


Our Parish

Ministry Guide

2022



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Romans 12: 4-8

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.



Welcome

Welcome to St. Edward the Confessor!

***Please prayerfully consider the gift of your time and talents to strengthen
not only our parish and community – but God's church.***

Dear Friends,

This Parish Ministry Guide has been prepared for all members of our parish community so that we may serve and be served. It lists and describes the many services and ministries available for the parish at St. Edward the Confessor.

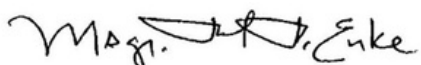
Please take a few minutes to glance through the book. As you can see, the programs and ministries offered by the parish are many and varied. Our parish is truly blessed to have so many parishioners willing to share their time and talent enabling us to offer these programs.

God has blessed each of us with time on earth and with talents and abilities. I invite each of you to join your fellow parishioners in making a gift of your time and talent to our parish.

Our church is a place for our parishioners to worship, a place to learn about God's love for us, a place to join in community with others, and a place to minister to the needs of others and to all within our parish family. As stewards, we each have the responsibility to see that our parish continues to serve the needs of others as well as ourselves in the works of religion, education and charity. It is vital to the life of our parish that everyone becomes involved in the works of our parish community.

I do hope that you and your family will find one, two or more programs that you would join. I thank all of those who have made these programs and ministries possible in the past. I especially thank all of you who will help continue these programs and ministries in the future.

Gratefully yours in Christ,



Msgr. Paul P. Enke, Pastor

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Weekends:

Saturdays at 5:00 PM
Sundays at 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM

Weekdays:

9:00 AM

Schedule of Services

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday from 4 - 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mondays and Fridays, 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Sacred Heart Novena:

At 9 AM Mass on First Fridays of the month

(scheduled times may change for funerals or during a shut-down)

Parish Staff

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The church office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
(Holidays and inclement weather may change office hours)

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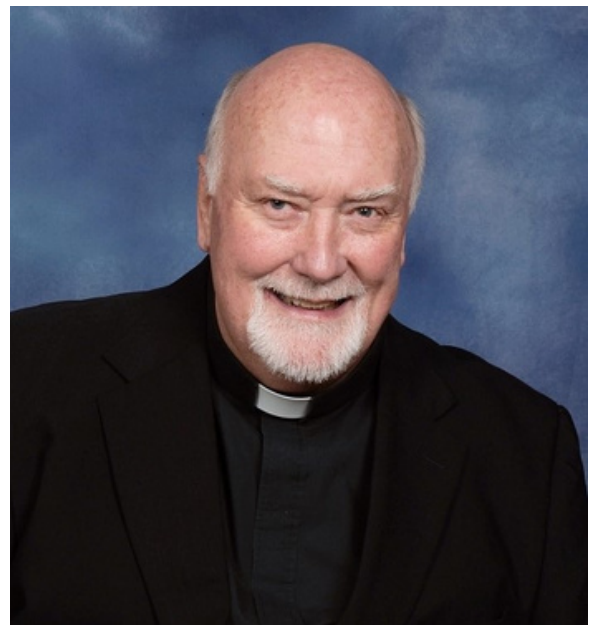
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Monsignor Paul P. Enke

Paul P. Enke was born in Lancashire, England. When he was an infant, he and his mother traveled to Columbus, Ohio, to the home of his father, who had served in the US Army during WWII in England.

Msgr. Enke began school at Holy Name Grade School. He graduated from St. Charles High School and continued his education at St. Charles College Seminary, graduating in 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He then went to Mt. St. Mary's of the West Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he received his Master of Divinity in 1972.

Msgr. Enke was ordained a priest on May 27, 1972.



He became a teacher and Chaplain at Bishop Watterson High School, in Columbus, Ohio from 1972 until 1980. While there, he served at Immaculate Conception, St. Timothy and St. Agatha.

In 1980, Msgr. Enke was named pastor of St. Mary's Church, in Delaware, Ohio, where he remained until 1987 when he was appointed founding pastor of St. Brigid of Kildare Church, in Dublin, Ohio.

In 1998, Msgr. Enke was appointed pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church, in Marble Cliff, Ohio.

In 2000, Msgr. Enke was appointed pastor of St. Edward the Confessor Church, in Granville, Ohio, as well as Chaplain to Denison University's Catholic students.

Msgr. Enke was charged with the construction of the present day church building of St. Edward Church to replace the much smaller church building which was at the same location.

Additionally, Msgr. Enke served as the Bishop's Vicar for Spiritual Life and is a past chairman of the Priest's Personnel Board of the Diocese of Columbus.

He and his Border Collie, Paddy, are delighted to be living here in Granville, Ohio.

Saint Edward the Confessor

Our Patron Saint – Feast Day October 13

Edward the Confessor was born in Islip in Oxfordshire, England between 1002 and 1005. He was the son of King Ethelred the Unready and Emma, daughter of Duke Richard I of Normandy. He was sent with his mother to Normandy in 1013 when the Danes, under Sweyn and his son Canute, invaded England. After Ethelred's death in 1016, Canute married Emma and became King of England. Edward remained in exile in Normandy and vowed if he should return safely to his kingdom, he would make a pilgrimage to St. Peter's in Rome.

After the death of Hardicanute, son of Emma and Canute, Edward returned to England and largely through the support of the powerful Earl Godwin, he was crowned King in 1042. In 1044, he married Godwin's daughter, Edith. Once on the throne, the king found it impossible to leave his people. The Pope released him from his vow on condition that he found or restore a monastery to St. Peter. King Edward built a new church and monastery in the Norman style at Westminster.



One of the legends associated with King Edward happened toward the end of his life. He was riding by a church in Essex and an old man asked for alms. As the king had no money to give, he took a large ring off of his finger and gave this to the beggar. A few years later two pilgrims were travelling in the Holy Land and became stranded. They were helped by an old man and when he learned they came from England, he told them he was St. John the Evangelist and asked them to return the ring to Edward, and to tell him that in six months Edward would join him in Heaven.

The Abbey at Westminster was consecrated on Holy Innocents' Day, on December 28, 1065, but the king was ill and unable to be present. He died on January 5, 1066, and was buried before the High Altar in his new church.

Edward had not been a particularly successful king, but his personal character and piety endeared him to his people. In appearance he was tall, dignified and kindly with rosy cheeks and a white beard. He was regarded as a saint by the people long before he was officially canonized as Saint and Confessor by Pope Alexander III in 1161. A confessor is a particular type of saint and applies to those who suffered for their faith and demonstrated their sanctity in the face of worldly temptations, but were not martyrs.



Saint Edward the Confessor

Our Patron Saint Continued

On October 13, 1163, St. Edward's body was transferred to a Shrine prepared for it. At this time the famous ring was taken off his finger and deposited with the Abbey relics. Unfortunately, all the relics disappeared at the dissolution of the monastery in 1540.

King Henry III (1207-1272) held Saint Edward in great veneration and decided to rebuild Saint Edward's Abbey at Westminster in the new Gothic style. He erected a new and costly Shrine with mosaics and workers from Italy. It was completed in 1269. Sick persons made pilgrimages to the Shrine and knelt to pray for healing. People regarded him as the patron saint of England; however, St. George eventually became recognized as patron saint of England.

The Benedictine Abbey at Westminster was dissolved by Henry VIII in 1540. The Shrine was despoiled and Saint Edward's body was buried in an obscure spot in the Abbey. In 1557, Mary I restored the coffin to its place and gave new jewels to replace the stolen ones. The Shrine has suffered much during the centuries, but Saint Edward the Confessor's coffin still lies in a cavity in the top part of the marble structure. The Shrine is the center of the Abbey. Five kings and four queens lie buried in his chapel and also his wife, Edith. A stone screen on the west side of the chapel depicts 14 scenes of events in the life of Saint Edward the Confessor. A special service is held every year on St. Edward's Day, on October 13.



History of Our Church

St. Edward the Confessor, pray for us.

St. Edward the Confessor Church began in 1946 when Bishop Michael J. Ready bought the Dr. C.J. Loveless property at the corner of Broadway and Pearl, the present site of a Granville Inn parking lot. Monsignor (Msgr.) Joseph R. Casey, who had been assigned the job of establishing the new parish, celebrated the first Mass in the house's parlor on July 20, 1947. At that time there were 35 families in the parish.

Over the years, gradual remodeling of the house led to the addition of a completely furnished chapel that would accommodate 70 people. Those renovations took place under the shepherding of subsequent pastors: Msgr. Herman E. Mattingly, Father Leonard Scannell, Msgr. Francis Schwendeman, and Father Vincent Mooney.

In May of 1954, with Father Augustine L. Winkler as parish priest, Bishop Ready undertook construction of a new home for St. Edward the Confessor Church, at its current location at 785 Newark-Granville Road, laying the cornerstone on October 30, 1954. The first Mass was celebrated on March 20, 1955.

The architecture of the church was an adaptation of English style, made of stone, brick and wood. The front of the church was of Briar Hill Stone and the walls of Norman brick. The kingly Coat-of-Arms of St. Edward adorned the transom over the front entrance. The large iron cross above the coat-of-arms was flanked by two shepherd's crooks. The Fleur de Lis showed the French influence in the life of St. Edward. The Stations of the Cross, done in wood, were the work of Gabriel Loire of Chartres, France. The pews and other woodwork were done by L. A. Schwarzkoph, of Granville, Ohio. The rectory and parish hall were completed in the fall of 1955. During the subsequent years under Pastor Ambrose Metzger, from 1961 to 1970, the parish continued to grow.

In 1972 the parish began implementing the documents of Vatican II. Under the leadership of Father John M. Fulcher, eight parish commentators and lectors were installed as lay distributors of Holy Communion. They were: Egbert Fisher, Eugene Gray, Joseph Lombardo, Eugene Murphy, Herbert Murphy, Anthony Skufca, and Philip Stukus.

In the 1970's and 1980's during the pastorates of Father Arvids Bernans and Father Thomas Lowery, the parish continued to grow. Consequently, under the guidance of Father Lowery, ground was broken in 1982 for the construction of ten classrooms and a new parish hall. The total cost of the construction was \$525,000, accomplished through the generosity of the parishioners with a special contribution by Paul A. Mikula. The construction was completed and was blessed by Bishop James A. Griffin on May 19, 1984.

History of Our Church

The 1990's saw the arrival of Father G. Michael Gribble, first as administrator and then as pastor. The parish now was serving 800 families. New ministries were created in the 90's. In 1991, the RCIA process to bring adults into the Catholic Church was implemented under the leadership of Barb Doran and Patricia Chojnicki. In 1992, the Knights of Columbus established the St. Edward's Council number 10876. The Mary/Martha/Ed Ministry was created from the former Altar Society by Barb Hinterschied and Margery Hendey to better meet parishioner's spiritual, physical, and social needs. The parish was divided into seven geographical areas to encourage neighborhood contact and to promote a spirit of community.

The 1990's also saw an increase in the soup kitchen of The Community of Holy Rosary/St. John Columbus, as well as the St. Francis Center in Waverly, Ohio. For years, St. Edward was the annual host for the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service and supported the Ecumenical Cross Walk on Good Friday from its inception. The Ecumenical Vacation Bible School thrived with downtown churches and St. Edward's alternating the location of VBS. Our Children's Choir was formed under the leadership of Suzanne Baker with the help of Rachael Scholten. St. Edward the Confessor Church had grown from a small community of 35 families worshipping in a home to a vital force in the community.

Under pastor Father G. Michael Gribble, adjoining acreage was purchased. In the year 2000, Msgr. Paul P. Enke became the Pastor of St. Edward parish and active planning for a new church building began. A feasibility study to survey future needs of the parish was accomplished. As a result, a parish building committee was formed and charged with the implementation of the construction of a new church to seat nearly 1000 people. A Capital Campaign Committee was formed to seek needed funding. In consultation with the Diocese of Columbus, the architectural firm of David Meleca was selected and Lincoln Construction was selected as builder for the four million dollar project.



History of Our Church

In September, 2003, ground was broken and construction of the new church was blessed by Bishop James A. Griffin. The new church incorporated the original church, built in 1954, as the new gathering space, baptismal area and offices.

The new church is cruciform in shape and of a classical design, to enhance the village of Granville, with antique brick, copper cupola, and limestone accents. Noteworthy additions to the new church included: the seven foot wood carving of St. Edward by artist Brian Burnette, the triptych of Christ and saints by artist Michael McEwan, the furnishings of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and sanctuary, antique windows from St. Augustine Church in New Straitsville, and imported tile from Italy. A 23 rank Casavant organ, previously owned by the Williamsburg, Virginia Presbyterian Church, adorns the choir loft.

The most important work of St. Edward the Confessor Church continues into the new millennium: the building up of the Kingdom of God. To do this, additional staff was hired for Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Stewardship and Development. The parish council and finance committees were reorganized, and a vital, active St. Vincent de Paul Conference assists those in need. In the fall of 2005, the St. Edward Preschool was started.

Great days are ahead for the parish of St. Edward the Confessor. We believe that we are continuing the journey of those early families who met in a house on the corner of Broadway and Pearl Street in 1946. The St. Edward Parish geographical area continues to grow. May a deepening of our love for the Lord and His Church mirror that growth so that we might be the Catholic faith community that God wants here on Newark-Granville Road.



Parish Organizations

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus was established in 1882 and has close to two million members worldwide. The Knights of Columbus Mission states:

“We are good Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that’s what Knights do every day.”



At St. Edward Church, Knights of Columbus Council 10876 was established in 1992 and is an active group of faith-filled men. The 10876 Council has been honored with recognition for their Council programs and charitable activities.

The Knights of Columbus sponsor social and fundraising events that benefit special diocesan projects, as well as St. Edward’s parish. Two of their projects – looked forward to by the parish – are the Spaghetti Dinner and the monthly Welcome Sunday (or “Donut Sunday”) after Mass. Membership is open to all Catholic men, 18 years and older, who want to give back for their blessings received. All men of the parish are encouraged to be a part of the Knights of Columbus, Council 10876.

Would you like to belong to this worthwhile group? Contact the present Grand Knight, whose name is found on the bulletin, or the Parish office at church@saintedwards.org for information.





Women of St. Edward

Mission: to strengthen fellowship among the women of our church through service to the Church and to each other, through religious and leadership programs and social activities.



Wouldn't you like to get to know other women in the church? The Women of St. Edward are just like you: some are young mothers raising children, some are grandmothers, some have no children. Some are employed outside of the home, some work at home, some are retired. Some are married and some are not. Whatever your circumstance, this we all have in common: We are Christian women of the parish of St. Edward and we believe in God. Please think about joining The Women of St. Edward. The Women of St. Edward lend a helping hand to the church and community in many ways:

- **Caring Committee** – Prepare meals to take to families when someone has been hospitalized or is experiencing an illness or crisis. Contact the church office if you know someone who needs help from the Caring Committee.
- **Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale** – The first Saturday in December, vendors sell their crafts or wares in the parish hall. Proceeds help to benefit the charitable works of The Women of St. Edward.
- **Christmas Gifts for Families** – Provide gifts for families in need at Christmas time.
- **Funeral Luncheons** – Prepare luncheons that take place in the parish hall after a funeral. This can provide the bereaved an opportunity to begin the healing process as they come together for a meal.
- **Rosary Garden** – Maintain the peaceful and beautiful St. Edward's Rosary Garden.
- **Santa's Attic** – The popular Christmas sale takes place the first Saturday in November. Every year, parishioners drop off a multitude of Christmas decorations such as trees, wreaths, dishes, candles, snow globes and so much more! The parish hall is turned into a spectacular Christmas display. The week before the sale the parish hall is a hub of activity preparing for the sale. It takes a lot of helping hands – like yours – to make it happen. Proceeds benefit the charitable works of The Women of St. Edward.
- **Welcome Ministry** – This committee welcomes new parishioners with notes, phone calls, gifts, and manages a welcome table at the popular Welcome Sunday, affectionately known as "Donut Sunday."
- **Women's Studies** – studies such as "Walking with Purpose" are provided for women of the parish.

To become a member or to volunteer for an activity, contact Annie Lach at 502-541-1715.

St. Vincent de Paul Conference

History

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a worldwide Catholic lay organization celebrating 170 years of service. Currently, there are one million members operating in 130 countries. The "Conference of Charity," from which the Society of St. Vincent de Paul sprang, was founded in Paris in April 1833 by a few young men and a Catholic publicist. The principal founder was a man of twenty years of age, hailing from Lyons, named Frederic Ozanam. In this society Ozanam and his friends encountered one day an objection: "You praise the Church to us as the benefactor of humanity. That was true in former times, but what are you doing in our times for the people?" This reproach caused them to think. It was not enough to adore the God of the Gospel, it was necessary to follow Him; it was necessary to love and assist His children in need. Thereupon one of the students, Augustus Le Taillandier, asked himself if it would be possible to bring together a small number of the Christians to set up a "Conference of Charity."



Local

The local Saint Vincent de Paul Center is located at 135 Wilson St., with a homeless shelter next door (St. Vincent Haven) at 115 Wilson St. The Center has been blessed with many fine volunteers and generous contributions from the Catholic parishes, local businesses and individuals. The Center operates in association with representatives and volunteers from the five area Saint Vincent de Paul Society Conferences of Blessed Sacrament, St. Edward the Confessor, St. Leonard, Church of the Ascension, and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

How to Help

Volunteers – like you – keep the center going. You may choose one of these ways to help:

- **Dispatch** – volunteer for dispatching
- **St. Edward Conference** – help plan ways to help the needy in our area
- **Food Pantry** – help restock the shelves of the pantry with donations, help with the required paperwork, assist clients when they enter the pantry to select their food items.
- **Thrift Stores** – sort and price donated items; stock shelves and racks, help with inventory operations; help with customer checkout, drive to pick up donated items.
- **Homeless Shelter** – The problem of homelessness is very real in the Newark area. We need people to provide food, help raise funds, or just be there during the hours of operation.

Please consider helping in whatever way you feel called to help. All help is appreciated.

To volunteer, contact Cindy Kindreck at ckk1@att.net.

Parish Council

St. Edward's Parish Council is comprised of council members as well as all current staff of St. Edward Church (as non-voting members). Parish Council supports various activities of the parish including, but not limited to:

- Assist the priest to discern future direction for the parish
- Participate with the pastoral leadership and parish staff in the decisions for the parish
- Listen to and voice the concerns and needs of parishioners
- Help solve problems brought to the council
- Communicate the goals, policies, activities and decisions of the council to the parish community
- Encourage and support parishioner initiative, involvement and decision making at all levels of parish life and operations
- Set a good example of the parish in the community



Parish Council members serve a three year term, beginning in September, and may serve up to two terms for a total of six years. Elected officers within the council include President, Vice President, and Secretary. Elections for officers are held at the June meeting. Other members represent various areas of parish life in six categories: Administration, At-Large, Community Relations, Education, Liturgy, and Social Concern. Parish Council holds regular meetings in the parish hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

If you have a cause to bring before the council you must request this of the current president by noon of the day before the monthly meeting. Contact the church office, 740-587-3254, for contact information of the current Parish Council president.

Active parishioners interested in serving a term on the Parish Council may contact John Martin at jfm225@gmail.com or 614-403-0567. Members are selected through a random drawing once all applications have been received.

Stewardship: A Faith Journey

“In a nutshell, the meaning of ministry is to serve one another” Msgr. Enke

Dear Parishioners,

At St. Edward Church we always aim to increase the numbers of those involved in ministry in our parish and our community. By doing this we follow the example of Our Lord who tells us we will find life if we are willing to serve one another.

Stewardship is a way of life -- honoring God in everything we do with the gifts He has given us. It is living a God-centered life rather than a self-centered life.



Stewardship is having the heart to give back, out of love, a portion of every gift that God has entrusted to us. A life of stewardship is a life dedicated to God: a life lived in a parish for which we take personal responsibility for its life, its actions, its work in the community, its impact on the world.

If we understand our roles as stewards of God's gifts, we are passionately involved in our parish community, just as we are involved with others in our neighborhoods, jobs and towns.

Over the years, the faith journey of our parish has seen a growth in friendship with one another and with the Lord. We grew as a family because we looked out for each other and we cared for one another. Your involvement is a big part in our response to the Lord's call to "Love one another."

Whether a new member or a long-time member, you are invited to join in this faith journey by becoming involved and sharing your time, talent and gifts with us.

Thank you for being a member of our parish and for your support and involvement. Remember, the real goal of Stewardship is to change our lives – Stewardship is the language of our faith, spoken through our actions.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Msgr. Paul P. Enke, Pastor

Stewardship Program

Time, Talent, Treasure

What is Stewardship?

Stewardship, in its simplest terms, is the act of putting God's priorities before our own. Good stewards give the first portion of their gifts of time, talent, and treasure to the Lord's work in gratitude for his many blessings. This practice of giving our "first fruits" incorporates the aspect of sacrificial giving. Jesus Christ is God's greatest gift to us. Stewardship tells us to share a portion of our time, talent, and treasure so that God's Gift, Jesus Christ, may be given to those who do not know Him.

Time

A true understanding of stewardship begins with taking care of and sharing the gift of time. We are only given so much time. Planning a careful schedule in order to have the time to work, to rest, to play and to pray is vital in the stewardship of our physical, emotional, spiritual, and intellectual lives.

Talent

If stewardship means taking care of and sharing God's gifts, then stewardship of the gift of talent means nurturing, developing, and using the God-given abilities and characteristics that help to define who we are as individuals. Our talents are special blessings that we receive from God. When we volunteer to help others by sharing our talents, we give something more precious than our time or our money.

Every member of St. Edward possesses unique skills and abilities, and these are of utmost value to our community. Our ministries and committees are always in need of the wealth of resources our parishioners can provide. Please consider how you can be involved. How you choose to give of your time and talent is ultimately connected to the reasons for being in this world – we are given time and talent, not only for our good, but for the good of others.

Treasure

We have hundreds of parishioners who give regularly to our church — thank you for your continued support. Our treasure — both money and all the other things we possess — are gifts from God that we are asked to care for and generously share for our own benefit and for the good of others. Our stewardship program is not an additional request for more money; it is merely a more systematic approach to handling the Sunday offertory donations. We are looking to involve more families giving more consistently. The monies which are pledged to the parish during this stewardship program are responsible for the operation of the parish, its ministries, the upkeep of the buildings and grounds and major maintenance plans for the future. A predictable giving rate is critical for the Finance Committee to create a realistic annual budget, to plan for the future growth of the parish, and to maintain the ministries and programs that are vital to our community of faith. This is why we are asking you to make a pledge.

Online Giving FAQs

How can I donate – what are my giving options?

To make things convenient for our parishioners we offer several giving options that are flexible and meet their individual needs. St. Edward Church offers the traditional Sunday envelopes, a billing option that provides personal reminders on a monthly, quarterly, and annual basis. We also offer the opportunity to donate a one-time gift, use stock, or a donor advised fund. But the most convenient and fastest growing method is Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) which allows for donations using your bank accounts or a credit/debit card.

Why should I use Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)?

By using EFT, you can simplify your life and help cut costs at St. Edwards. You can make regular automatic contributions to St. Edward Church using your credit/debit card or bank account, the same process that you use to take care of your most important commitments like your mortgage, utilities, or car payment. St. Edward Church is your home, and it is always your home even when you are away.

We are always here for you. We learned during the pandemic that it is not always possible to be physically in the church. But St. Edward Church needs your support now more than ever. Your electronic donations benefit the parish by providing a predictable cashflow that the parish can count on to pay employees, vendors, fund normal maintenance, and pay for unexpected needs.

Electronic giving also saves the parish office time and money. The parish has spent up to \$6,000 a year printing and mailing the weekly envelopes. Hundreds of hours are spent processing weekly envelopes. Electronic donations are easily managed and downloaded into your parish record.

How do I sign up for Online Giving?

We're committed to pursuing God's vision for our community. A major part of that is your ability to participate and take ownership of that vision. Our giving platform allows us all to join together and transform our community.

- Visit your church website at www.saintedwards.org
- Click on the "Donate Now" button
- Complete the online registration form, or use the text to give option.

How do I use Text to Give ?

If this is your first time using our giving platform, grab your phone and text 'GIVE' to our giving number to try it out! You'll be prompted to fill out a one-time registration form and after that, giving again is as simple as sending a single text.

**For additional information or help setting up your account please contact
Cheryl Boggess at church@saintedwards.org.**

Stewardship Ministry

Stewardship Opportunity: To install stewardship and a way of life in the parish.

Talent/Gift Offered: Share the joy of ministry by creating awareness of the many avenues of stewardship available to the parish. A willingness to promote and invite participation in the various Church Ministries. Out-going personality.

Time Commitment: Attend scheduled meetings. Be present at Stewardship Table on various Welcome Sunday “Donut Sundays.”

Treasure/Blessing Received: Joy and satisfaction from touching the lives of others who receive joy from finding a stewardship experience.



Funeral Ministry

At the time of the loss of a loved one, the support of our faith community can be a great help to the grieving family. If the family so desires, the funeral team can prepare a funeral luncheon for the bereaved family following the Funeral Mass. ***Volunteers are always needed for this service.***

NOTE: If someone in your family has passed away, please contact the church office to make arrangements with the parish priest and funeral director before publishing an obituary in the newspaper.

Funeral Teams

Stewardship Opportunity: To help the family of deceased parishioners by providing a luncheon after the Funeral Mass.

Talent/Gift to Offer: Good cook and/or baker. A sense of compassion and concern for people who have lost a loved one. A willingness to assist in the preparation, serving or cleaning up of the bereavement luncheon.

Time Commitment: Varies based on number of funerals and number of volunteers.

Treasure/Blessing Received: The joy of extending loving kindness to grieving families.

Needed:

- Cooks
- Bakers
- Servers
- Clean-up Crew

Prayer Ministry

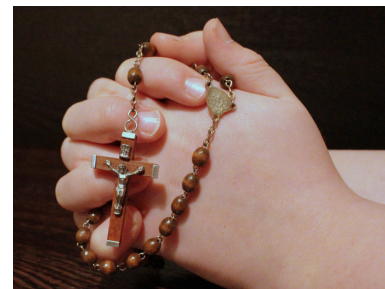
"Give me a person of prayer, and such a one will be capable of accomplishing anything."

-St. Vincent de Paul

Prayer Chain

Members of the St. Edward Prayer Chain are on call and ready to pray for anyone. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, contact Cindy Kendrick at ckk1@att.net or call the church office at church@stedwards.org..

Parishioners, including the elderly and homebound, are always needed to pray for others. If you are called for this worthy cause, contact Cindy Kendrick or the church office.



Stewardship Opportunity: To pray for the needs of others, especially the sick and the suffering.

Talent/Gift to Offer: Compassion and a commitment to offer prayers for all who need them.

Time Commitment: Parishioners are encouraged to set aside a regular scheduled time to pray for others. Times will vary from person to person.

Treasure/ Blessing Received: To grow closer to the Lord through prayer and to be united in prayer with the parish family, expressing care and concern for others.

Liturgy & Worship Ministries

Liturgy and worship is the focal point of our Catholic Faith.

These religious experiences are enriched by various ministries that provide stewardship opportunities for parishioners to share their time and talent to give back the gifts God has given us.

Learn more about these ministries on the following pages.



Lector

Stewardship Opportunity: To proclaim the Word of God in such a way that parishioners truly hear the Word that will change their lives.

Talent/Gift to Offer: A clear speaking voice with the ability to express the reading to the congregation.

Time Commitment: Lectors have a brief training session prior to starting the ministry. Lectors prepare their readings to familiarize themselves with the readings before arriving at church. They should arrive 15 minutes prior to the liturgy.

Treasure/Blessing Received: Satisfaction of proclaiming God's message to His people to help parishioners hear the Word.



Eucharistic Minister

Stewardship Opportunity: To assist the celebrant at Mass in distribution of the Body and Blood.

Talent/Gift to Offer: An attitude of reverence toward and belief in the Sacrament and a willingness to help parishioners.

Time Commitment: Eucharistic Ministers have a brief training session prior to starting the ministry. They serve when scheduled, or in the absence of other ministers.

Treasure/Blessing Received: The opportunity to participate in offering the Body and Blood of Our Lord as well as fostering a reverence for the graces received in the Eucharist.

Altar Server (Youth & Adult)

Stewardship Opportunity: To serve God and His people at the Mass by helping the priest.

Talent/Gift to Offer: Dependability. Reverence and appreciation of the solemnity of the Mass.

Time Commitment: Youth are scheduled to serve one time per month at a weekend Mass. Adults serve at weekday Mass and funeral Masses on a rotating schedule.

Treasure/Blessing Received: To grow closer to the Lord through the Liturgy. *"Serving at the Eucharistic table and at various liturgical celebrations, you draw directly from 'the wells of salvation' the strength necessary to live well today and then face your future more energetically."* (John Paul II to servers, 1980)

Gift Bearer

Stewardship Opportunity: To represent the faith community, sharing gifts and talents by presenting gifts of bread and wine and treasure at Mass.

Talent/Gift to Offer: Willingness to express faith in action.

Time Commitment: On a rotating basis during the year.

Treasure/Blessing Received: The joy of active participation by the whole family in the Eucharist.



Usher/Greeter

Stewardship Opportunity: To help worshippers gather, to assist the elderly and those with any disability as needed, take up the offering, hand out bulletins.

Talent/Gift to Offer: The ability to welcome people in a friendly manner, put people at ease, work with others, reliability.

Time Commitment: Ushers serve on a rotating basis and arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass.

Treasure/Blessing Received: To represent the Lord to His people, making them feel welcome and at home.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Each Sunday at the 10:45 Mass, Children five years and older are invited to leave the larger parish after the Opening Prayer to participate in a concurrent Liturgy of the Word that is suitable for young children. The children return to Mass for the Holy Eucharist.

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

Talent/Gift to Offer: Patience, reliability, and the ability to work with and teach children in a caring and friendly manner.

Time Commitment: About ½ hour on Sundays plus preparatory work.

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



Homebound Ministry

Stewardship Opportunity: To serve God and His people by taking the Eucharist to parishioners who are sick, homebound, or who reside in senior care facilities.

Talent/ Gift to Offer: An attitude of reverence toward the Sacrament and a willingness to assist others, as well as tact and cheerfulness when visiting the sick and/or elderly.

Time Commitment: Usually one time every other week or so, right after Mass, for about 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

Treasure/Blessing Received: Satisfaction of actively fostering an appreciation of the graces associated with the Eucharist and helping others attain graces through the reception of the sacrament. Also letting the sick and elderly know they are important to the church community.



Nursery During Mass

Stewardship Opportunity: To care for infants and young children, allowing their parents to participate more fully in the Mass. Teenagers and adults may volunteer.

Talent/Gift to Offer: Love and care for children, patience, and cheerfulness.

Time Commitment: Approximately one hour during the Mass.

Treasure/Blessing Received: The chance to care for and entertain little ones by helping them feel safe and loved while away from their parents during the Mass.



Music Ministry

Our parish music ministry strengthens our liturgical celebrations through vocal and instrumental music.

Liturgical music strengthens us communally and individually by uniting us in prayer through the rich—and still growing—sacred music repertoire of the Church. Our parish music ministry offers a variety of opportunities for adults, teenagers, and children to participate.

Choir

Stewardship Opportunity: For adults and teenagers to offer your voice in enriching the sung elements of our liturgies.

Talent/Gift to Offer: The ability to match pitch while singing and to blend with others' voices.

Time Commitment: The choir sings for the 10:45 a.m. Sunday Mass as well as during Christmas, Holy Week, and other special liturgies. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:10 p.m. and Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The choir season runs from the Sunday after Labor Day (September) through the Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ (May or June).

Treasure/Blessing Received: The joy of joining with other people, the angels, and the saints to sing God's praise.

Bell Choir

Stewardship Opportunity: For adults and teenagers to enrich our liturgies by playing in an instrumental ensemble.

Talent/Gift to Offer: A willingness to learn how to ring hand bells – no experience required.

Time Commitment: The bell choir plays for Masses on Christmas Eve, Easter Sunday, the annual Confirmation Mass, and other special liturgies. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:15 p.m. Generally, the bell choir also plays for a weekend Mass once every 1-2 months. The bell choir season runs from October through May.

Treasure/Blessing Received: The joy of joining others in making music before the Lord.

Children's Choir

Stewardship Opportunity: For children in grades 1-8 to offer your voice in singing sacred music.

Talent/Gift to Offer: The willingness to learn sacred music and basic vocal/choral skills while singing in an ensemble.

Time Commitment: The Children's Choir sings annually at the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. Rehearsals are held on Sundays in November and December immediately after the 10:45 a.m. Mass. They last for about 45 minutes.

Treasure/Blessing Received: The joy of singing the praises of the newborn King along with other children of our parish.

Cantor/Psalmist

Stewardship Opportunity: For adults and youth (usually eighth grade and up) to lead and support congregational singing.

Talent/Gift to Offer: A clear, on-pitch singing voice that invites others to sing, the ability to sing alone, and the ability to speak clearly into a microphone. The ability to read music is preferable but not mandatory.

Time Commitment: Cantors generally sing for a Mass once or twice per month. They arrive 20-30 minutes before Mass in order to review music with the organist. They also practice as necessary at home.

Treasure/Blessing Received: The joy of leading and supporting the assembly in singing God's praise.



Instrumentalist

Stewardship Opportunity: For adults and youth (usually eighth grade and up) to contribute instrumentally to the musical elements of our liturgies.

Talent/Gift to Offer: The ability to play a keyboard, brass, woodwind, or string instrument suited for Catholic liturgical worship.

Time Commitment: Varies widely. Instrumentalists play for various Masses throughout the year. Music is provided in advance, and there may be rehearsal(s) prior to the scheduled Mass depending on the particular circumstances.

Treasure/Blessing Received: Joy of sharing one's musical gifts in making the musical elements of our liturgies more beautiful.



Funeral Choir

Stewardship Opportunity: For adults and teenagers to join with an ensemble in singing for our parish funerals.

Talent/Gift to Offer: A general ability to match pitch while singing.

Time Commitment: Members are contacted prior to each funeral, and if they are available, they simply come to the funeral and sing. With some exceptions, funerals are generally scheduled for weekdays at 10:00 a.m. The funeral choir has no scheduled rehearsals.



Treasure/Blessing Received: Joy of enriching the beauty of our funeral liturgies, in which we commend our faithful departed parishioners to God's everlasting love.

Spiritual Life



Sacrament of Baptism

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 more information about baptismal preparation and godparents, contact Cheryl Boggess in the parish office, at 740-587-3254, as soon as possible after the birth of a child.

"Parents are obliged to see that their infants are baptized within the first few weeks. As soon as possible after the birth, indeed even before it, they are to approach the parish priest to ask for the Sacrament of Baptism for their child, and to be themselves duly prepared for it."

(Code of Canon Law, 867)

"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 serve all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

(Matthew 28:19-20)

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

"Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (vitae spiritualis ianua), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1213)



Sacrament of Marriage

Members of the parish who wish to be married at St. Edward the Confessor Church should contact the church office at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Please see St. Edward Church - Marriage Guidelines on our parish website.

Pre-Cana and the Marriage Preparation Inventories

Pre-Cana Program is a mandatory requirement of the Diocese. In addition, St. Edward Church provides a Marriage Preparation Inventories Program which is separate from Pre-Cana and is required of all couples to be married in the Diocese of Columbus. Contact Office Manager, Cheryl Boggess to make arrangements for your wedding.

Go to

<https://saintedwards.org/wedding-information> for more information.



"When Jesus finished these words, he left Galilee and went to the district of Judea across the Jordan. Great crowds followed him, and he cured them there. Some Pharisees approached him, and tested him, saying, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?' He said in reply, 'Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.'"
(Matthew 19: 1-6)

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharist Adoration is normally available at St. Edward Church from Mondays at 9 a.m. until Tuesday at 9 a.m. (Times during Covid: Mondays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to noon.)

Parishioners are asked to commit to sit for one hour with the Lord in His presence at Eucharistic Adoration.

Contact the church office at church@saintedwards.org to sign up.

The Blessed Sacrament is the Living Heart of Our Church

The Blessed Sacrament is truly what makes the Roman Catholic Church different from all other places of worship in the world. It is a Holy gift given to us by our Lord. He is substantially present in our midst in the Blessed Sacrament.

Special blessings come to parishes that have Eucharistic Adoration and special blessings come to those people who commit their stewardship of time to spend in His presence in the monstrance. At Eucharist Adoration, parishioners express their love for Christ and their gratitude for all their blessings.



Stewardship Opportunity: To draw near to the Lord in silent reprieve from the distractions of the world. To bring prayers of thanks and intercession to our Lord.

Talent/Gift to Offer: Prioritizing Christ over the hustle and bustle of a hectic life. Commitment to a time of prayer.

Time Commitment: One hour per week.

Treasure/Blessing Received: To grow closer to the Lord in prayer. The opportunity for peace and silent time with God.

Faith Formation



Parish School of Religion (PSR)

St. Edward Church's PSR welcomes all of our children to grow in deeper, authentic relationship with God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Children are truly the future of our church!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) states:

“Catechesis is an education in the faith of children, young people and adults which includes especially the teaching of Christian doctrine imparted, generally speaking in an organic and systematic way, with a view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian life.” (CCC5)



At St. Edward Church, we use the Sadlier program in addition to Matthew Kelly’s dynamic and research based Sacramental preparation programs. Our dedicated teachers are as much at the heart of the program as are the students. Through prayer and education, each class walks together into a deeper relationship with Christ each year.

The Sacraments

Sacraments of Initiation and Healing are an integral part of catechesis. Second graders receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and Eucharist. Eighth graders receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Any child with need can receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Any child who may have missed receiving a sacrament at the usual time may receive the missed sacrament.

In solidarity with Catholic teaching, we strive to bring the faith alive for both children and their families. We want to support the Domestic Church, recognizing parents as the first educators of their children (CCC2223). Life happens. *“The way of perfection passes by the way of the Cross...that gradually leads to living in the peace and joy of the Beatitudes” (CCC2015).* May we walk, learn and grow closer to our God together! If you have any questions, please contact me. I would love to talk!

Rebecca Bucknam, Director of Religious Education, reled@saintedwards.org or 740-587-4160

Youth Ministry

Did you know?

Studies show students who attend youth group have higher GPA and self-esteem!

Youth group sustains your faith life with:
small groups, praise and worship, FUN and FOOD!

WHAT: St. Edward's Youth Group

WHO: All young people in grades 8 through 12;
Friends are invited (even non-Catholic friends!)

WHEN: Sundays from 6 to 8 PM



To join, contact the Youth Minister, Steven Arias at youth@saintedwards.org

St. Edward Preschool

Religious education and faith are central to St. Edward's preschool mission. Teachers hold a minimum of a 4-year degree in education and have extensive experience.

We follow the Ohio Department of Education's Early Learning Standards as a guide to what young learners need to know before entering kindergarten. The program is designed to utilize positive current findings in early education and emphasizes:

- Exploration
- Experimentation and discovery through play
- Creative experiences
- Motor, language and listening skills

St. Edward Preschool offers the following programs:

3-Year-Old Class | **4-Year-Old Class** | **Pre-Kindergarten Class**



For more information, contact the Preschool Director, Adrienne Evans at 740- 587-3275.

Respect Life Committee

“The Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and the man became a living being.” Genesis 2:7

The Respect Life Committee fosters awareness of the intrinsic value of every human life from conception until natural death. The group promotes respect for human life from every aspect with special focus on abortion, scientific embryo research, euthanasia, and contraception. Committee activities and programs concentrate on prayer. Additionally, education and awareness, direct support to women in crisis pregnancies, and political advocacy are a part of this committee.

To be a member, contact the church office at church@saintedwards.org.

Men's Faith Sharing Group

*“Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”
Hebrews 11:1-2*

The Faith Sharing Group is comprised of men who gather for prayer and discussion in light of their Catholic faith and to share their faith and experiences through friendship, prayer and fraternity. The group utilizes the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Bible and other resources as a backdrop for varied discussions. The group meets on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. for about 1 ½ hours. All men of the parish are encouraged to be in this group.



To join, contact Dcn. John Barbour at barfamilybour@yahoo.com.

Walking With Purpose

Women's Bible Study Group

Stewardship Opportunity: To deepen understanding and love for sacred scripture.

Talent/Gift to Offer: A desire to learn about the Word of God and share with others through fellowship and discussion.

Time Commitment: The group meets periodically for 9-week sessions, usually on Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings.

Treasure/Blessing Received: The deep satisfaction of learning more about the Bible and its history and how it strengthens our lives, as well as developing friendships.



walking with purpose

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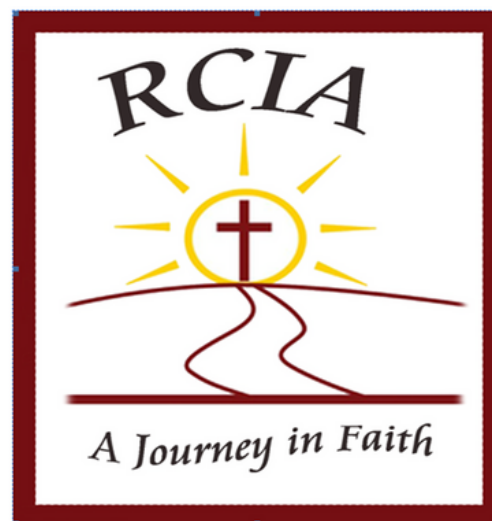
Rite of Christian Formation for Adults

“Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you to give the reason for your hope.” 1 Peter 3:15

RCIA is the process by which non-Catholics learn about the teachings of the Church and the tenants of the Catholic faith before entering the Catholic faith or for those simply curious about the Catholic faith but are unsure about becoming Catholic.

RCIA is also for Catholic parishioners who desire to deepen their faith or take a “refresher” course on their faith.

Would you be interested in supporting someone in the process of becoming Catholic?



For more information, please contact Dcn. John Barbour, RCIA Director, at barfamilybour@yahoo.com.

Social Groups

Lenten Soup Suppers

On Tuesdays during Lent, many of our parish families gather in the parish hall to share a light soup dinner. A speaker engages us with a current topic of interest, and then we pray the Stations of the Cross in the church. Optional donations are collected to benefit the Haven, St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Relief Services, or another special need during the season.

Edwardians: Senior Social Group

The Edwardians is a very special group for parishioners who are 50 years of age or older. Edwardians gather often for various activities. Past activities the group has enjoyed are bus trips and seasonal parties. The Edwardians welcome everyone in the 50-plus age group to be a part of this fun-loving social group!



For more information, please contact Robin Van Order at 614-745-6045.

Fish Fries

St. Edward Church serves up delicious fried perch dinners on Fridays during Lent. Early in the year, the Fish Fry committee begins planning and ordering supplies. Volunteers are needed to prepare (bread the fish), set up the kitchen and dining area, cook the food, serve the dinners, bus tables and clean up afterwards. Much help is needed to make this community event flow smoothly.



St. Gianna Mother's Group

St. Gianna was an Italian pediatrician and a patron saint of mothers. This group plans to build fellowship and friendships for mothers and their children in the parish. We plan to initiate a meal train for new moms, play dates, and many more activities fun for women and children of all ages. Even those women without children are welcome to join this ministry. You may contact Ann Clark or St. Gianna's Mothers Group Flocknote for more information.



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