

Bonfire Instead of Birthday Candles...For the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist by Matt Thai

Every year the world's tallest bonfire is constructed and lit in the Norwegian town of Alesund. The construction of the tower lasts up to three months. After that, one person climbs up the tower to light it on fire. And the tower burns for up to two days!

Their annual festival commemorates the birth of St. John the Baptist. In the Church's liturgical year, we celebrate the birth of Mary (first one to be born without original sin), the birth of Jesus (God becoming man), and John the Baptist. Those are the only births we celebrate in the liturgical year. Mary and Jesus' births make sense, but why St. John the Baptist?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains: "In him, the Holy Spirit concludes his speaking through the prophets. (CCC719)" He was the last messenger of God to prepare others for Jesus and Jesus says that "among those born of women, no one is greater than John". John prepared the Jews for the coming of the Messiah by calling them to repent for their sins and baptizing in water. We also honor John in every Mass when the priest echoes John's words as he presents the consecrated host: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world..." In addition to that, John's birth was a miraculous event. Read the gospel of Luke in chapter one!

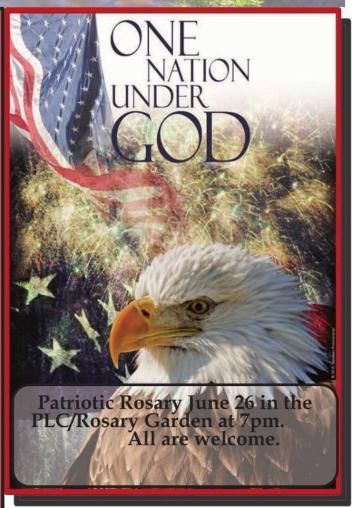
Meditate on this prayer you'll hear at the "Collect"- the prayer in the beginning of Mass this Sunday, to prepare yourself for the coming of the Lord:

O God, who raised up St. John the Baptist to make ready a nation fit for Christ the Lord, give your people, we pray, the grace of spiritual joys and direct the hearts of all the faithful into the way of salvation and peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen!

Welcome new parishioners! Saint Edward invites you to join us for a Welcome Breakfast in the PLC after all Sunday morning Masses on July 8th. If you joined the parish in the past 6 months, please join us for breakfast, meet fellow parishioners, and learn more about your parish home. This special breakfast for the new parishioners will take place at the same time as Hospitality Sunday donuts and coffee. Follow the crowd over to the Parish Life Center and the Welcome Breakfast will be in the Meeting Room which is off of the large room. See you there!





The Chapel is Closed

While repairs are made to the bell tower the Sacred Heart Chapel will be closed. Daily Masses and weekly Holy Hour will be celebrated in the main church until further notice.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3, 4-5,

12-13; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36;

Ps 48:2-3ab,

3cd-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33, 34, 36,

37, 40; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Mt

7:21-29

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Gal 1:11-

20; Jn 21:15-19

Friday Saint Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12: 1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16: 13-19

Saturday The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman

Church / BVM

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7,

20-21; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11,

12, 13;

2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24,

35b-43

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STEWARDSHIP Weekly

June 16-17 Number of Envelopes 268

Number of Loose Checks

80

Collection Total

\$ 21,613

Budget

\$ 25,000

Faith Direct for May

\$ 36,319

DSF SUMMARY REPORT—2018

 Parish Goal
 \$170,000.00

 Total Amount Pledged
 \$124,324.50

 Pledged Under Goal
 (\$45,675.50)

Response to Feasibility Study Comments:

"A vacant elementary building is available on FM 2920 and Gosling." The first thing St. Edward did when Northwoods closed was call the Archdiocese to ascertain the chances of purchasing the Northwoods building. The Archdiocese informed us that the cost the Legionnaires was asking was very high. The asking price was about three times the cost of the proposed building due to the prime location of the property plus the debt on the building.



Adult Confirmation

These classes are offered for adult Catholics (18 and older) who have been baptized in the Catholic Church but have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

2018 Classes (17 Tuesday evenings @ 7:00 PM)

First 10 Sessions: Tuesday, August 21-October 23. Final 7 Sessions: Tuesday, October 30-December 11

Confirmation: Epiphany Sunday, January 6, 2019

All Sessions are held in SEEC Room 22.

For more information contact Deacon Nick at 281-353-9774.



RISE ABOVE THE FRAY

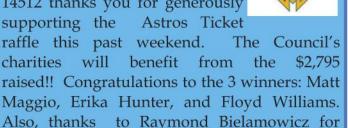
Come and rest in Jesus. Please prayerfully consider attending the men's or women's CRHP (Christ Renews His Parish) retreat.

Men's retreat: July 27 - 28, 2018 Women's retreat: July 21 - 22, 2018

Cost: \$40; Registration forms Online or in Narthex

Thank You St. Edward's Parishioners!!

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THE WEEK AHEAD

MON., JUNE 25

SPARC Summer Program, Annex, Youth Room, 3:00pm Baptism Class, PLC, 7:00pm

Boy Scouts, Youth Room, 7:00pm

Men's CRHP Team 1, Annex. 7:00pm

TUES ., JUNE 26

CRHP Team 9 Meeting, PLC Meeting Room, 6:30pm Patriotic Rosary, PLC/Rosary Garden, 7:00pm WED., JUNE 27

Blue Army Room Discussion, Parlor-Church Narthex, 6:00pm

Blue Army Prayer Cell, Church, 6:30pm JP2 Young Adult Ministry, Sports field, 6:30pm THUR., JUNE 28

Confessions, Church, 6:30pm

CRHP Team 8 Meeting, Annex, 6:30pm

Eucharistic Holy Hour, Church, 7:00pm

LCSC Assembly, PLC Meeting Room, 7:00pm

RCIA Pre-Catechumenate, Rm 22 Jr. High., 7:00pm FRI., JUNE 29

No Events

SAT., JUNE 30

Confessions, Church, 4:00pm

Blessing of Summer Youth Missionaries-5:30 Mass,

Church, 5:30pm

SUN., JULY 1

Infant Baptisms, Church, 12:45pm



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Career Opportunity

St. Edward Catholic School desires to hire a school Registrar for a full time, year round position. School family members may not apply.



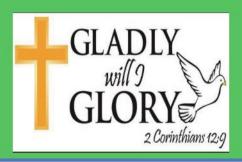
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Please send resume to Mrs. Tina Lewis, Principal at tlewis@stedwardschool.org

Archdiocesan Prayer Breakfast

Join the Greater-Houston community as we unite to express our trust in and dependence on God through prayer. The annual Archdiocesan Prayer Breakfast will be held on July 19, 2018 at the Hilton Americas in downtown Houston. The keynote speaker will be Most Reverend Brendan J. Cahill, Bishop of Victoria. Visit www.archgh.org/prayerbreakfast to register today! Tickets are available for \$60 or tables of 10 for \$600. Seating is limited!





JULY 8th BLOOD DRIVE CHANGES

LifeShare Blood Center will sponsor our JULY 8th blood drive as a Replacement/Replenishment drive to BENEFIT our St. Edward elementary school teacher, CARLEEN HENDERSON.

Please watch future bulletins and posters for information and details.



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Sat. June 30, 2018: 9 am in Christ the Good Shepherd Social Hall

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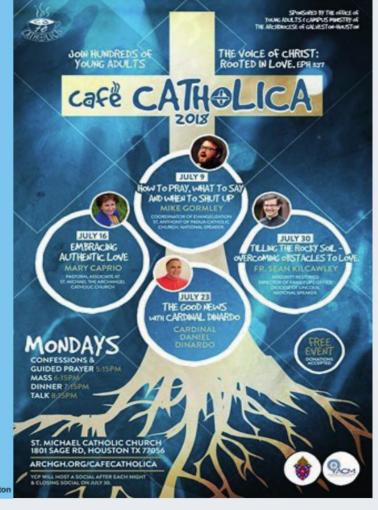
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Prayer List: To make a request for someone to be on our prayer list, please call the parish office at 281-353-9774.

Monday, June 25

8:30am LV Ann Henthorn

Tuesday, June 26

8:30am † Arthur Gerczak

Wednesday, June 27

6:30am † Edith Rijan 8:30am † Arthur Gerczak

Thursday, June 28

6:30am † Belquis Ruiz

8:30am † Joseph & Anne Vargyas

Friday, June 29

8:30am † Anthony Whitehead

12:10pm † Frances Gorka

Saturday, June 30

8:30pm † Arthur Gerczak

5:30pm † Ruth Dare

Sunday, July 1

7:30am † Joseph Mercurio

9:30am † Jackie Jordan

11:30am People of St. Edward





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