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SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY + 16 APRIL AD 2023+

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The gospel command, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful," demands that we show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. We radiate God's mercy to others by our actions, our words, and our prayers. It is mainly through acts of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment.

On this Divine Sunday, we can state with certainty that God does not want us to fall prey to continual fear of sin, past, present, and future, afflicted with such doubt and mental anguish. He wants us to develop a "right" conscience. As the Second Vatican Council stated, within our conscience we discover a voice, ever calling us to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, telling us inwardly the right movement. Our conscience is our inner space where we can listen to and hear the truth, the good, and the voice of God. It is the inner place of our relationship with God who speaks to our heart and helps us to discern, to understand the path we ought to take, to move forward, and to remain faithful in the knowledge and acceptance of God's overwhelming divine mercy.

Pope John Paul II declared on the day of Canonization of St. Faustina, "This is the happiest day of my life." He had written and had spoken constantly about the need for us to turn to the mercy of God as the answer to the specific problems and issues of our times. Saint John Paul II died at the end of the vigil Mass of Divine Mercy Sunday 2005. He had prepared a short homily from his deathbed that was to be read on Divine Mercy Sunday. It was to be his final exhortation for a greater understanding of Divine Mercy. In part, it reads; "As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!" So the message of the Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us, all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy and His love is greater than our sins. God wants us to call upon Him with trust, not fear, receive His mercy, and let that mercy flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy, the joy of the risen Lord.

Have mercy on us and on the whole world.

*God Bless.
Father Thomas*

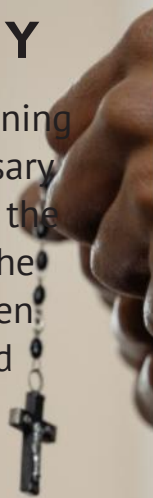


PARISH LIFE

KOFC FAMILY ROSARY

Please consider joining us for a Family Rosary on April 30th after the 11:30AM Mass in the chapel to strengthen your prayer life and relationship with Christ.

“The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary.” – Saint Francis de Sales



WELCOME NEW FAMILIES

Our parish family is growing and we feel so blessed to have these new members. If you see one of these families this weekend, we ask that you extend them a warm welcome. And don't forget to invite them into your favorite ministry.

Arevelo Family	Murray Family
Huff Family	Olguin Family
Karlapudi Family	Reinert Family
Kosior Family	Salazar Family
Losoya Family	Stroud Family
McQuillen Family	Vieyra Family
Monistere Family	Villanueva Family
Mosqueda Family	Winter Family

NEWS & UPDATES

Between Sunday, April 2nd after our 5:00pm Mass to Monday morning on April 3rd, the church was broken into by way of the window in the Ministers Room. The burglar was able to break the glass without tripping our sensors and pried open the safe. The collection for the Sunday 5:00pm Mass on April 2nd was taken. Therefore, those who donated checks on that Sunday at the 5:00pm Mass, will need to check their bank account and possibly stop payment on that check. We have updated our security measures in light of this incident. In short, we will no longer keep the collection overnight in the safe. The gates and fencing that encompass the perimeter of the school will be locked during school hours. On the weekends for Mass and other activities, these gates will not be locked. They will be closed, however, you are able to open them to walk through. Lastly, it has come to our attention that in the past several weeks, there are different families that have solicited parishioners for monetary assistance. Greet them, welcome them, and encourage them to seek assistance from St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, NAM, and Catholic Charities. For more information on these items, please see the April 7th e-newsletter in your email or on our website under the "connect" tab.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

8:30AM & 5:30PM

Sunday

7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM,
& 5:00PM

Weekdays

Monday-Friday 8:30AM

Tuesday & Wednesday 6:30AM

Friday 12:10PM

Rosary

Monday-Saturday 8:00AM

Friday 11:30AM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday 7:00PM

1st Friday 9:00AM-6:00PM

Benediction at 5:45PM

CONFESSIONS

Thursday

5:30-6:30PM

Saturday

4:00-5:00PM

or call office for appointment

SACRAMENT PREP

Infant Baptism

Contact Eileen Hubbard

ehubbard@saintedward.org at least 4 months before due date or before desired baptism date.

Marriage

Contact Jane Truttier at

jtruttier@saintedward.org at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the parish office.

Christian Initiation

Contact Virginia Fraguio at
vfraguio@saintedward.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

9:00AM-4:00PM

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Mon	April 17	8:30AM †	Robert & Doris Truttier	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tues	April 18	6:30AM † 8:30AM †	Fr. Desmond Brown, CSSR Erlinda Navarra	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn: 3:7b-15
Wed	April 19	6:30AM † 8:30AM †	Margaret Ehikwe Florian Stolarski	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thurs	April 20	7:00PM †	Paul Kiker	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
Fri	April 21	3:00PM † 7:00PM †	Gloria Desiderio Ed Carleton	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Sat	April 22	8:30AM † 5:30PM †	Joseph Ofigberi Evie Gonzalez	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sun	April 23	7:30AM † 9:30AM † 11:30AM LV 5:00PM	Herman Baechle David Lewis Will & Kathleen Lo & Family People of St. Edward	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

PRAYER REQUESTS

Victor Ruiz, Carolyn Wawrykow, Sean Auzenne, Mila Mathis, Joyce Kwiatkowski, Rich LaBoda, Geof Gribble, Ann Gibson, Julia Sanchez, Roger Kare, Donald Thompson, Ted Keen, Penelope Spencer, Herbert Jennings, Concepcion Cruz, Maria Da Graça Lima Alves, Alves Family, Devin Hernandez, Allison & Eric Kuban, Lucinda Herrera, The Rocco, Traewick, Oberdick & Parsons Families, Simon Joseph

*Prayers for the Deceased and their Families
For the Family of Josephine Torres*

To make a request to add someone to the prayer list, please email us at info@saintedward.org or call the Parish office before Monday to have their name in for the following week.

The prayer list changes every 8 weeks!

LITURGY

Have you been called by the Holy Spirit to feed your brothers and sisters by distributing the Most Holy Eucharist to the Faithful, or by serving at the table of the Word of the Lord by sharing the Readings at Holy Mass?

EMHC & LECTOR TRAINING INFO

Our parish needs **emHC** and **Lectors** to minister at all five of our Sunday Holy Masses

The Intake/Training Sessions leading to service in each of these two Ministries will be offered this Spring.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Choose one 3 hour session

Saturday April 22 9:30 am/SEEC Room 22

Monday April 24 5:30 pm/SEEC Room 22

or two 1 ½ hour sessions

Wednesday May 10-7:00 pm/SEEC Room 22

Thursday May 11-7:00 pm/SEEC Room 23

(aspirants coming to the 4/10-11 sessions must attend both sessions)

Lector Ministry 2 hour session

Choose one 2 hour session

Saturday April 22 - 1:00 pm/SEEC Room 22

Monday May 15 7:00 pm/SEEC Room 23

Requirements to serve in Liturgical Ministry:

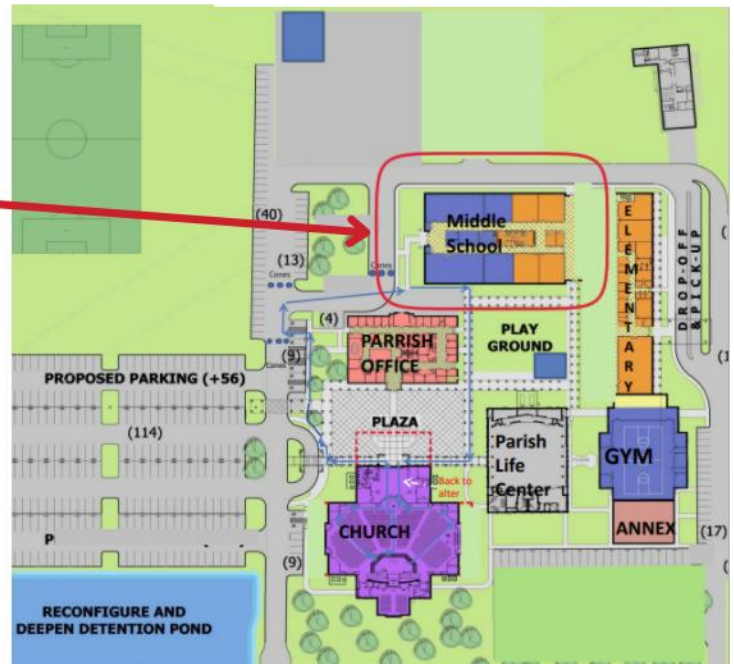
- Received the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Registered member of St. Edward
- Be able to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion
- Willing to responsibly fulfill scheduled service
- "Safe Environment" Certification from CMG Connect

(To get started, go to <https://galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.org/>)

For more information

CONTACT: Jamie Burns: jamie.burns.tx@gmail.com / (713) 202-4697

Or Matt Thai: mthai@saintedward.com (281) 353-9774



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EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION 2024

Children who are currently in the 1st grade or above, who have been baptized Catholic, who are currently receiving faith formation, and who have not been prepared for their First Communion are now able to register for the 2023-2024 process. Please scan the QR Code to submit your information and begin the registration process.



REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION FOR TEENS 2024

Teens who are currently in the 10th grade or above, who have been baptized Catholic, who are currently receiving faith formation, and who have not been prepared to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation are now able to register for the 2023-2024 process. Please scan the QR Code to submit your information and begin the registration process.



REGISTRATION FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

St. Edward will host Vacation Bible School (VBS) the week of June 12th-16th and we are now inviting all adults who are called to join the team as station and crew leaders. Registration for leaders includes registration for their children as well and is now open. Scan the QR Code to register. Registration for all participants will open in mid-April. Stay tuned!



GOALS AND GIVING



Parish Goal:
\$1,366,739
Total Amount
Paid to Date:
\$1,182,130



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2023 DSF Goal:
\$147,000
Paid: \$41,275



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4313. Thank you!
3/19/23: \$16,010
3/26/23: \$22,774

**February 2023
Collections**



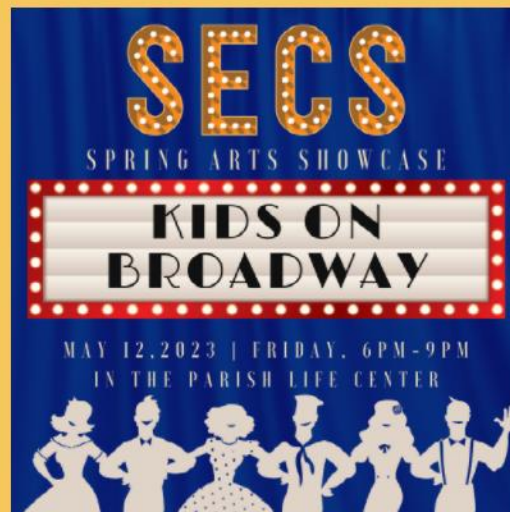
Budget: \$120,415
Total: \$122,990
YTD Budget: \$997,330
YTD Total: \$1,104,991

ST. EDWARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SPRING ART SHOWCASE SAVE THE DATE

Would you like to support this event by becoming a sponsor? Funds raised in our 2023 "Kids on Broadway" Spring Art Showcase event on May 12th will support the St. Edward Catholic School Annual Fund. The event will include student art, a silent auction, musical acts, and Broadway inspired hors d'oeuvres! Help be a part of this special night.

Scan the QR code to give!



AFTER SCHOOL CHEER MINI-CAMP

APRIL 21

We welcome ALL interested St. Edward Catholic School students in grades 3rd-7th who are interested in learning more about cheerleading to come join the cheer team for a **mini camp**, skill building session. Learn from **Coach Adrienne, Captain Sofia M and the St. Edward Cheer team!**

Friday, April 21, 2023 from 3:15-5:00pm

Location TBA (either the PLC or the Gym)

Cost is FREE

Performance for family and friends 4:45pm-5:00pm

Please wear a spirit shirt and black shorts or leggings

Come see if you would like to be a cheerleader next year, an assistant coach, or if you just want to learn something new.

RSVP to Coach by April 14 to reserve your spot (new.adrienne@gmail.com)

Reminder: Registration for the 2023-2024 cheerleading team is open to new students. Mandatory cheer day camp will be at Frassati High School sometime the week of July 24-29, 2023 (3 day camp)

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Last Friday, we celebrated and inducted the 2023 National Junior Honor Society members at Mass. Congratulations to our 2023 National Junior Society inductees.



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PRESENTATIONS

Christian Anthropology and the Renewal of Medicine
Gwyneth Anne Spoeder, MD

Law, Medicine, and the Dignity of Human Life
Ben Nguyen, MTS, JCL, JD

The Art of Suffering and Dying
Christopher Tollefsen, PhD

Medical Ethics and the Catholic Health Care Worker
in a Secular Culture
Carla Falco, MD; Gwyneth Anne Spoeder, MD; Christopher Tollefsen, PhD

Medicine in Service to the Dignity of Women
Sister Mary Gretchen Hoffman, RSM, MD

The Ethics of Contraception in Difficult Cases
Cara Busk Miller, MD; Jamie Hernandez, MD, FACOG, CFCMC;
Sister Mary Gretchen Hoffman, RSM, MD

Approaching Gender Dysphoria in Light of Science
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Deacon Patrick W. Lappert, MD

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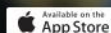
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