SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) + 27 APRIL 2025+

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, on the Second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday —a day specially set aside by the Church to reflect on the infinite mercy of God poured out through the Risen Christ. This devotion was inspired by the revelations to St. Faustina Kowalska, and officially instituted by Pope St. John Paul II in the year 2000. It reminds us that God's mercy is greater than any sin, and that His heart is always open to those who seek Him.

In today's Gospel (John 20:19–31), the Risen Jesus appears to the disciples and says, "Peace be with you." Then He breathes the Holy Spirit upon them and gives them the authority to forgive sins. This moment reveals the heart of Divine Mercy: God desires to forgive, to heal, and to restore. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "God created us without us: but He did not will to save us without us" (CCC 1847). We must cooperate with grace—by trusting in His mercy and extending it to others.

The image of Divine Mercy shows rays of red and white flowing from the heart of Jesus, symbolizing the blood and water that gushed from His side on the Cross—signs of the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Baptism. These are the foundations of our new life in Christ.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let us do three things:
Trust in God's mercy—no matter what we've done.
Go to Confession if it's been a while—receive that healing grace.
Be merciful to others—in word, in action, and in forgiveness.
Let us pray, "Jesus, I trust in You," and live out that

Praying for you, Father Christian

GOALS AND GIVING

Your Generosity at Work! Your faithful giving makes a difference in our parish community. Thanks to your generosity we have:

trust with compassion in our daily lives.

- Installed dedicated 20-amp circuits and 8 additional 20amp GFCI outlets/receptacles for the PLC kitchen.
- Installed new access control for the vesting sacristy.
- Hired a part-time evening and Saturday receptionist.
 Hired a part-time plant assistant to support
- campus operations.

 Received a \$2.250 donation allowing us to
- Received a \$2,250 donation allowing us to move forward with the Bell Tower Spotlights project.

As we continue to grow and serve, we invite you to consider a gift toward current projects that support our mission.

- Sound System Estimate \$205,200. Fall Festival proceeds and donations total \$152,101. We received a \$5,000 donation in March. The remaining balance of \$53,099 will be paid through additional donations and parish savings. Installation is scheduled for the week of April 28th.
 Rectory Generator Cost Estimate \$20,000
- Church Organ Repairs Cost Estimate \$3,700
- Church Portico & Main Entrance LED Conversion Cost Estimate \$2,800

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Second Collection

The 2nd Collection on April 27th is for the Home Missions Collection

2025 Campaign Goal:

\$150,300 Paid: \$68,358 Difference: \$80,942 170 Donors/ 4.7% of parish families

Offertory: March 2025 Actual Budget

YTD Actual YTD Budget (July-March)

Mass

\$163,124 \$159,375 \$1,328,222 \$1,313,625

Over (Under)\$3,749

\$14.597

2nd Collections: Black & Indian Missions \$4,214 Catholic Relief Services \$5,072

PARISH LIFE

FEAST DAY FESTIVAL LOGO CONTEST

Calling all young people who like to draw! We are holding a contest to select the logo design for this year's Feast Day Festival, which will be held on October 11th and 12th. The logo chosen will be used on signs, promotional materials, and on the t-shirts which will be available for purchase. Here are some ideas to get started, but use your imagination and creativity.

Festival theme: "Harvest of Hope: Celebrating the Jubilee"

Some ideas to get started: A bountiful harvest scene with golden wheat, vines, and autumn leaves surrounding a shining cross or a church steeple. The logo could include a sunrise to symbolize renewal and hope or the sun shining up from behind a tree with a brilliant cross in the root symbolizing being rooted in faith.

Symbolism: Combines the biblical theme of harvest (hope and blessings) with the spiritual renewal of the Jubilee year.

Be creative. Drawings are not limited to these ideas!

The contest will run through April 30th and is open to all young people in grades 2-12. Drawings may be made by hand or on the computer and can be submitted by email to festival@saintedward.org (preferred) or by putting a paper copy in the box provided in the narthex labeled Festival Logo Contest. The winning submission and second place will be awarded a cash prize of \$40 and \$25. There will also be free t-shirts for the two overall winners, as well as a prize for the best submission by age group: 2nd thru 4th, 5th thru 8th, and 9th thru 12th grades. If you have questions, send them to festival@saintedward.org.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Please help support Loving Choice Pregnancy Center in sharing God's love by offering emotional, educational, material, and spiritual support to parents and families as they navigate the challenges and embrace the blessings of pregnancy.

Bottles will be distributed on May 3rd and 4th and can be filled with coins, bills, or checks along with prayer intentions. Bottle collection will be on May 17th and 18th.

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

Anointing of the SickContact the parish office.

Becoming Catholic

Contact Matthew Crews at mcrews@saintedward.org.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30AM-Noon, 1:00PM-4:30PM, and 6:00PM-9:00PM (excluding Thursday evenings) Saturdays 9:00AM-Noon

INTENTIONS & READINGS

Mon	April 28	8:30AM	LV	Fr. Victor Munar	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tues	April 29			Patience Agholor Shmoney Benamin	Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b- 15
Wed	April 30			Anthony Lewis Bob & Rosemarie Cieslak	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thurs	May 1	8:30AM	†	Paul Kiker	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
Fri	May 2	8:30AM 12:10PM	†	Raymond Block Cecil Machalek	Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Sat	May 3		— .	Fr. Christian Bui John & Marion Jesulaitis	Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14
Sun	May 4	7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30AM 5:00PM	† † †	Jose Quintana Rita Turner Lawrence & Shirlie Maloney People of St. Edward	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11- 12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1- 14

Luke Monarch, The Rocco, Traewick, Oberdick & Parsons Families, Simon Joseph, Yogi & Rosie Ybarra and Family, Seth Auzenne, Nanda Havemann, Ernie Millo, Rhonda Faust, Ann Beasley, Schneider, Tim Falco, Johnnie & Diane Roberts, Karen Hutchens, Mary Brett, Clara Bielamowicz, Maurice Ebelt, Alvin & Bobbie Clark, Mike & Sharon Mellert, Julia Bellam, Monica Ellegood, The Finney Family, Chris Cieslak, Chris Rigsby, Lajuan Meister & Family, The Brandl Family, Terry Estepp, Lynn Burnett, Alfredo Tulod, Floyd Dierschke, Mary Baumhoer, Deanna Bashinski, Geoff Gribble, Rich Laboda, Linda Alan Turner, Munive Family, Jennifer Donaldson, Shane Telfer

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.

PARISH

KOFC PATRIOTIC ROSARY

People of St. Edward

Join the Knights of Columbus for the Patriotic Rosary on Monday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center (PLC). This powerful prayer experience lifts up all 50 states and our nation's leaders through the intercession of the Blessed Mother. All are welcome-come pray for country with hearts united in faith and hope.

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

As we joyfully reflect on the Easter Vigil, we extend a heartfelt welcome to those entering the Catholic Church through of Baptism, sacraments Confirmation, and the Eucharist. Your "yes" to Christ and His Church inspires and renews all of us!

We ask our parish community to keep these brothers and sisters in your prayers as they take this beautiful step of faith. If you see a new face at Mass or a parish event, please introduce yourself and help them feel at home.

OUR COUNCILS

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9:30AM 11:30AM 5:00PM

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First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Do you have a child or teen who desires to celebrate the Sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation and the **Eucharist?** Interviews, which are the first step in the registration process, will happen in the summer and are for children and teens who meet the following requirements:

- Baptized Catholic
- At least 7 years old
- At least in 2nd grade during the 2025-2026 formation year
- Actively participated in formation (parish, Catholic School, or Catholic homeschool program) during 2024-2025 formation year
- Actively participates in formation (parish, Catholic School, or Catholic homeschool program) during 2025-2026 formation year

For information and to sign up for an interview, scan OR Code.





XLT Night

Confirmation for Teens

Do you have a teen currently in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade who desires to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation? Interviews, which are the first step in the registration process, will happen in the summer and are for teens who meet the following requirements:

- Baptized Catholic
- At least in 10th grade during the 2025-2026 formation year
- Actively participated in formation (parish, Catholic School, or Catholic homeschool program) for the 2024-2025 formation year
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ST. EDWARD PARISH WEEK AHEAD

April 28th: 7:00PM-8:00PM **Boy Scouts Choir Practice**

April 29th: 7:00PM-9:00PM Adult Ministry Great Adventure Bible Study

April 30th: 6:00PM-8:00PM Feast Day Festival Meeting

May 1st: 9:15AM-11:30AM Adult Ministry Great Adventure Bible Study 5:30PM-6:30PM Confessions 7:00PM-8:00PM Holy Hour

May 2nd: 9:30AM-5:30PM

First Friday Adoration in the Chapel 5:30PM-6:00PM Benediction

May 3rd: 9:15AM-9:30AM Anointing of the Sick 9:30AM-9:45AM Communal First Saturday Devotion 9:30AM-10:30AM Communal First Saturday May Crowning 4:30PM0-5:30PM Confessions 5:00PM-7:00PM Baby Bottle Distribution

May 4th: -Baby Bottle Distribution -Loaves and Fishes Weekend 5:00PM-8:00PM Jubilee Year Youth Social Night

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IN MEMORIAM Pope Francis 1936-2025

The St. Edward community mourns the loss of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. As the shepherd of the universal Church, Pope Francis guided us with humility, compassion, and a tireless commitment to the Gospel of Christ. His leadership has been a beacon of mercy, justice, and love, inspiring millions around the world to live their faith more deeply. As we grieve this profound loss, we are united with Catholics across the globe in prayer and remembrance. Let us entrust Pope Francis to the loving mercy of our Lord, praying for the repose of his soul. May he now rest in the peace of Christ, whom he served so faithfully. We also lift up the Church in this time of transition, asking the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen the College of Cardinals as they prepare to choose our next pope. May God gran us a shepherd who, like Pope Francis, walks humbly with His people and

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

continues to lead us in truth and love.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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