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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are celebrating the Exaltation of the Cross this weekend, and it celebrates the discovery of the true cross of Jesus by St. Helena in 4th Century. This Feast reminds us that what the world sees as defeat, God transforms into victory. The Cross, a symbol of shame and death, becomes for us a sign of salvation, love, and hope. In Jesus' suffering and death, God's plan of redemption is fulfilled, and life triumphs over death.

Yet, if we are honest, we often shrink from the Cross. We prefer comfort over sacrifice, pleasure over pain, and success over failure. In our prayers, we ask for blessings, health, and happiness—but rarely for the strength to endure hardship or the courage to carry our own cross. We live in a culture that promotes quick solutions, instant gratification, and the avoidance of suffering. The Cross stands as a stark contradiction to that way of thinking.

But the Gospel tells us that there is no resurrection without Calvary and no crown without the Cross. True discipleship is not about running away from pain but about transforming it through love. When we embrace our crosses-whether they are daily struggles, sacrifices for others, or personal suffering—we are not glorifying pain for its own sake. We are uniting ourselves with Christ, allowing God's grace to work through our weakness.

The Exaltation of the Cross calls us to see suffering in a new meaning: not as a punishment or an obstacle, but to deeper love, greater faith, and eternal life. The Cross is not just a historical event; it is a daily invitation to die to selfishness and rise to new life in Christ.

This feast challenges us to not just wear the Cross as a medal, but to live its meaning. The Cross invites us to practice forgiveness, self-sacrifice and compassion. Believe that God can bring good out of our trials.

In Christ,

Father Thomas



GOALS AND GIVING

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

- Addressed needed repairs for doors and iron fence.
- Upgraded our outdated campus phone system.
- Completed the church sound system project.

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

- Campus Maps & Building Signs-Cost estimate \$5,000
- Sconces for Church and Chapel-Cost estimate \$3,000 Festival, Visit
- Vestments (red & violet)-Cost estimate \$2,000 each
- Rectory Generator-Cost estimate \$20,000
- Church Organ Repairs-Cost estimate \$3,700
- Church Piano Covers & Bench-Cost Estimate \$1,200

Goal:\$150,300

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July July YTD Actual YTD Budget Actual Budget (July-June) (July-June) \$ 67,793 \$ 74,962 67,793 74,962 62,240 \$ 62,240 \$ 67,465 67,465 \$130,033 \$142,427 30,033 \$ 142,427

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Mass Collections

Faith Direct (Online)

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MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

	September 14	7:30AM † Fr. Anthony Her 9:30AM † Vincetta Gillott 11:30AM † Moses Dnyeka 5:00PM People of St. Ed	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38: Phil 2:6-11: Jn 3:13-17
	September 15	8:30AM LV Darren Havem	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Jn 19:25-2 or Lk 2:33-35
E	September 16	6:30AM LV Graham Family 8:30AM LV Jennifer Doyle	Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, an Cyprian, Bishop and Martyrs 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17
,	September ≥ 17	6:30AM † Mary Lambert 8:30AM † PFC. Mark Carr	1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35
	September 18	8:30AM † Sandra Peterso	on 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50
	September 19	8:30AM † Josephine Ange 12:10PM †/LV Kordsmeier & Baed	eles 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, chle Families 19-20; Lk 8:1-3
	September 20	8:30AM † Sarah Isabel Jo 5:30PM † Janie Sarabia	Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, hnson Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs 1 Tm 6:12-16: De 100:1b-2-2-2-4-5: Uk 8:4-15

Marlene Alfred & Family, Gregory Auzenne Family, Deanna Bashinski, Mary Baumhoer, Ann Beasley, Julia Bellam, Clara Bielamowicz, Terri Bishop, Wanda Blasingame, Wayne Bonette, Mary Brett, Charles Thursday: 5:30PM-6:30PM Brossman, Lynn Burnett, Yvonne Carrabine, Christine Chauvin, Chris Cieslak, Alvin & Bobbie Clark, Joe Saturday: 4:00PM-5:00PM Crady, Brandon Michael DeCicco Jr., Floyd Dierschke, Father Joseph Doan, Jennifer Donaldson, Maurice Ebelt, Ryan Eicher, Monica Ellegood, Terry Estepp, Tim Falco, Rhonda Faust, Finney Family, Rachel Garcia, Nancy Gallegos, Karla Green, Geoff Gribble, Cheri Hart, Nanda Havemann, Karen Hutchens, Ron Kralik, Rich Laboda, Marie Loskowski, Lajuan Meister & Family, Mike & Sharon Mellert, Amanda Milford, Ernie Millo, Munive Family, Monika Oetling, Teresa Kim Phuong, Jody Prosper, Chris Rigsby, Margaret Rittenhouse, Johnnie & Diane Roberts, Edita Rybak, Fr. Charles Samperi, Ralph Schneider, Maria Simmons, Howard Spitzenberger, Suellyn Sweeney, Shane Telfer, Alfredo Tulod, Francesca Young, Yogi & Rosie Ybarra & Family, Melissa Zahn, Zarate Family, Brandl Family, and Rocco, Traewick, Oberdick & Parsons Families.

To request a Mass Intention or add a loved one to our parish prayer list, please contact us at info@saintedward.org or call the Parish Office. Prayer requests must be received by Monday to be included for the following week. Please note that the prayer list is refreshed every 8 weeks.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

9/15	9/16
8:30AM	6:30AM
Mass	Mass
7:00PM	<u>8:30AM</u>
Boy Scouts,	Mass
Choir Practice, Sacred Heart Bible Study, Great Adventure Bible Study 8:00PM Youth Band Practice	9:30AM Great Adventure Bible Study 7:00PM First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Core Team Meetings, Teen Confirmation Formation Sessions

7:00PM K of C Meeting

9/17 6:30AM Mass 8:30AM Mass 6:30PM **EPEC** Event in the PLC. Feast Day Festival Meeting,

8:30AM Mass 9:15AM Blue Army Prayer Group, St. Edward Homeschool Co-Op 5:30PM Confessions 7:00PM Holy Hour

9/18

9/19 8:30AM Mass 12:10PM Mass 6:30PM K of C Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting

Study 8:30AM Mass 9:3<u>0AM</u> K of C Basketball, Stitches of Peace 1:00PM K of C Soccer Challenge 2:00PM Girl Scouts 4:00PM Confessions 5:30PM Mass

9/20

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Lectionary

Based Bible

7:30AM Mass 9:30AM Mass 10:00AM

1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

OCIA Catechumenate Session 11:30AM

Mass 2:00PM

Core Team Meetings 5:00PM

Mass. Cathechetical Sunday Core Team Commissioning

Feast Day Festival Tickets for sale after all morning Mass times

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends

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 First Friday: 9:00AM-6:00PM **Benediction:** 5:45PM

CONFESSIONS

or call the Parish office to request an appointment

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

<u>Infant Baptism</u>

Parents who wish to have their child baptized, contact Eileen Hubbard at

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

Marriage

Interested in getting married here at St. Edward? Contact Jane White at jwhite@saintedward.org at least six months prior to the desired wedding date.

Catholic Initiation and Confirmation for Adults

Are you ready to begin the journey of becoming Catholic? Are you a Family Faith Formation Catholic adult who was never Confirmed?

> Contact Matthew Crews mcrews@saintedward.org.

Anointing of the Sick

To request the Sacrament Anointing of the Sick, contact the parish office.

STAY UP TO DATE **WITH OUR PARISH!**

ADULT MINISTRY

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY Sunday, September 21st



On Sunday, September 21st, a special blessing will be offered at the end of each Mass for all parents and legal guardians, recognizing them as the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith within their households, making their homes the first place where the Catholic faith is lived and passed on. On Catechetical Sunday, we honor not only parish and school catechists but also parents and guardians, encouraging them to embrace their sacred role of nurturing faith in the next generation.

At the 5:00PM Mass that same day, we will also extend a blessing to all who serve as catechetical ministers at St. Edward. Catechesis is a vital ministry in the Church, deeply tied to her growth and fidelity to God's saintedward.org plan. Because of its dignity, catechists are formally commissioned to teach in the name of the Church. This day calls us to celebrate their ministry, reflect on our shared duty to hand on the faith, and lift up in prayer both parents and catechetical ministers as they guide others closer to Christ.



Let us always pray for all parents and legal guardians for their efforts to raise their children in the faith. Also, pray for our catechetical ministers who support parents as they evangelize and catechize.

Interested in joining the catechetical ministry at St. Edward? Contact Annette O'Driscoll at aodriscoll@saintedward.org.



EPEC!

Empowered Parents, Empowering Communities

A Workshop for Parents of Teens & Young Adults Presented by the Archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities



All parishioners are welcome to join us on September 17th, at 6:30PM in the PLC



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YOUTH MINISTRY









ST. EDWARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

JOIN US FOR THE 2025-26 SEASON OF SECS RUN CLUB!



THE SECS RUN CLUB IS A NON-COMPETITIVE RUNNING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS & PARISHIONERS AGES PK3-8TH GRADE. ALL LEVELS OF RUNNERS ARE WELCOME!

Goal: For each participant to run at least 25 miles over the course of the season and then finish the year by running The Woodlands Marathon 2K on Feb. 21, 2026 where members will be recognized for completing a "marathon season" (26.2 miles) by receiving The Woodlands Marathon Medal!

When: Season begins Oct. 4, 2025 & goes through mid-Feb. 2026. We will hold inperson running sessions for participants to log miles at least twice per week.



Interested? Find more information and the registration form at https://stedwardschool.org/runclub



Kick-Off Weekend at the St. Edward Track: Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025 from 9:30-10:30 AM Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025 from 2:00-3:00 PM

Questions? Contact Run Club Coordinators Gordon and Diem Wilkinson at nguyendiemg@gmail.com









Based on The Opt Out Family by Erin Loechner

St. Edward Catholic School Thursday, Sept. 11 at 6:00 pm



RSVP Required! www.Smart-Families.org/Events







2601 Spring Stuebner Rd., Spring, TX 77389 (281) 353-4570 info@stedwardschool.org

FEAST DAY FESTIVAL

St. Edward Feast Day Festival



<u>Dinner & Live</u> <u>Auction</u>

Saturday, October 11th 6:30PM

Festival

Sunday, October 12th 12:30PM-6:00PM

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In-Person Ticket Sales

Tickets will be available for purchase in-person during the following dates and times:

- Sunday, 9/14/25, after all morning Mass times
- Sunday, 9/21/25, after all morning Mass times
- Sunday, 9/28/25, after all Mass times
- Saturday, 10/4/25, after 5:30PM Mass
- Sunday, 10/5/25, after all Mass times

Scan the QR code to purchase tickets online

Volunteers Needed!

Sign up today to volunteer for the 2025 St. Edward Feast Day Festival. We have a variety of opportunities available, such as helping with ticket presales in September, lending a hand at the Live Auction Dinner on October 11th or supporting efforts with the festival on October 12th.

Scan the QR code to sign-up to volunteer for this year's Feast Day Festival volunteer team.



PARISH LIFE

CELEBRATING SAINTS

On Sunday, September 7th, in Rome, **Pope Leo** canonized two incredible new saints: St. Carlo Acutis and St. Pier Giorgio Frassati.

Here at St. Edward, we celebrated in a very special way!



Annex dedicated to St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, "The Man of the Beatitudes" and lover of mountain adventures.

Our Youth Room is now dedicated to St. Carlo Acutis, "God's Influencer" and patron

of the internet.

ST. EDWARD CATHOLIC CHURCH

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Join us in building a culture of life! All are invited to our next meeting to pray and finalize activities for Respect Life Month this October.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 7:00PM - 8:00PM



Saturday September 20 2-4 pm St. Edward's Playing Field

Open to Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14



Sponsored by St. Edward's Knights of Columbus Council 14512

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The St. Serra Apostolate for **Vocations of North Houston** Invites You to the Program Meeting

We are happy to welcome Fr. Juan Torres, Dominican Friar who is presently the Development Director of the Dominican Province, a territory that Southern encompasses 11 southern states.

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 BRING A FRIEND AND A **SNACK TO SHARE!** Fellowship 6:30PM Program 7:00PM

St. Edward Catholic Church Parish Life Center 2601 Spring Stuebner Rd. Spring, TX 77389

Join us on Facebook live! St. Serra Apostolate for Vocations of North Houston



a look into the history of St. Edward

The Rose Windows



RESURRECTION WINDOW

The primary form is a butterfly, which is one of the oldest Christian symbols of the resurrection. The evolution of a butterfly from its cocoon is a reminder of Christ's rising from death and becoming a pure spirit form. Its placement on the west wall symbolizes the

transition from this life to eternity.



The forms of the design represent the swirling of the galaxies at the inception of the creation of the universe. Its location is placed on the east wall to reflect sunrise, new day, and new life.



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