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+ 14 DECEMBER 2025 + THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MASS, CONFESSION, AND ADORATION TIMES

Daily Mass: Monday–Friday at 8:30AM; additional Mass on Tuesday–Wednesday at 6:30AM, and Friday at 12:10PM

Weekend Mass: Saturday at 8:30AM and 5:30PM; Sunday at 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM, and 5:00PM

Confessions: Thursday from 5:30–6:30PM; Saturday from 4:00–5:00PM; or call the Parish office to request an appointment

Rosary: Monday–Saturday at 8:00AM; Friday at 11:30AM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Holy Hour is every Thursday at 7:00PM; First Friday Adoration begins with Mass at 8:30AM on the first Friday of every month, ending with Benediction at 5:45PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday: 8:30AM–4:30PM*, 6:00–9:00PM**

Saturdays: 9:00AM–12:00PM

*Please note that the office closes for lunch from 12:00–1:00PM during weekdays.

**The office is also closed on Thursday evenings.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this weekend's Gospel, John the Baptist who is imprisoned, discouraged, and surrounded by uncertainty, sends his disciples to Jesus with a deep question: "Are you the one who is to come?" Jesus answers not with theories, but with signs of hope: the blind see, the lame walk, the poor hear Good News. Amid John's darkness and doubt, Christ offers light.

This is the heart of Advent. Advent is not merely a countdown to Christmas; it is a season that teaches us how to wait with faith when life feels heavy, confusing, or uncertain. Like John, we too live in a troubled world—marked by conflict, division, and personal struggles. We often carry our own questions: "Where is God? Does He hear us? Does He still act?"

Advent reminds us that God is always drawing near—quietly, gently, and often in the most unexpected ways. He comes to heal what is wounded, to strengthen what is weak, and to restore hope within our hearts. Jesus invites us, as He invited John's disciples, to look at the signs of His presence all around us: kindness that lifts someone's spirit, generosity that restores dignity, reconciliation that rebuilds relationships, faith that perseveres despite trials. These are today's miracles—evidence that Christ is still at work.

As we journey through Advent, may we open our eyes to God's nearness, open our hearts to His grace, and open our lives to His renewing presence. In a world that often feels overwhelmed by darkness, Advent calls us to be people of light, courage, patience, and hope. May this holy season strengthen us to recognize Jesus in our midst and to prepare a place for Him—not only in our churches and homes, but in our daily lives and our troubled world.

In Christ's Love,

Father Thomas



GOALS AND GIVING

END OF YEAR GIVING

As we approach the end of the year, we invite you to prayerfully consider how your generosity can make a meaningful impact. There are many ways to support our parish—through your regular offertory via ParishSoft Giving or envelopes, a contribution to the Diocesan Services Fund (DSF), or by making a gift of stock or an IRA distribution.

For more information on these and other ways to give, please visit our website: www.saintedward.org/giving.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship and for helping to strengthen our parish community!

2025 DSF Campaign

Goal: \$150,300 | Paid: \$124,116

Difference: **(\$26,184)**

234 Donors or 6.4% of 3,664 registered

Parish Families have given to DSF.

God calls each of us to be His hands and feet. When you give to the Diocesan Service Fund (DSF), you empower life-changing ministries that touch thousands.

Make an impact—offer your gift today before the deadline ends on December 31st.

Offertory: October 2025

	October Actual	October Budget	YTD Actual (July-Oct.)	YTD Budget (July-Oct.)
Mass Collections	\$ 64,989	\$ 74,962	\$ 279,636	\$ 326,832
ParishSoft Giving (Online)	\$ 63,729	\$ 67,465	\$ 256,370	\$ 269,860
	<u>\$ 128,718</u>	<u>\$ 142,427</u>	<u>\$ 536,006</u>	<u>\$ 596,692</u>

Over (Under)

(\$13,709)

(\$60,686)

Second or Special Collections:

Loaves & Fishes - \$2,946
Propagation of the Faith - \$5,548
Military Services - \$4,202

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sun	December 14	7:30AM People of St. Edward 9:30AM † Evangelina Gonzalez 11:30AM LV Virgil & Angie Frando 5:00PM LV Ryan & Elizabeth O'Driscoll	Third Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
Mon	December 15	8:30AM † Theresa Kennedy	Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab; 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tues	December 16	6:30AM † Menino Cardozo 8:30AM LV Thomas & Ethan Schubert	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wed	December 17	6:30AM LV Ricardo & Anne Rivera Family 8:30AM LV Fr. Neil Arce	Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8,17; Mt 1:1-17
Thurs	December 18	8:30AM LV Fr. Mario Ladra	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18- 19; Mt 1:18-25
Fri	December 19	8:30AM LV Fr. Noel Conopio 12:10PMLV/† Herman & Catherine Kisslinger Family	Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sat	December 20	8:30AM LV Anna Marie Revote 5:30PM † Jack Gillotti, Jr.	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

PRAYER REQUESTS

Gregory Auzenne Family, Beverly Barresi, Deanna Bashinski, Lilia Bautiste, Charles Brossman, Kathy Brown Family, Yvonne Carrabine, Fr. Joseph Doan, Jennifer Donaldson, Nancy Gallegos, Grace Garber, Ruiz Gudino Family, Nanda Havemann, Bryan Haynes, Simon Joseph, Gloria & Kuba Kiszkiel, Ron & Karen Kralik, Rich Laboda, Hung Le, Martha McCleney, Amanda Millford, Teresa Kim Phuong, Chris Rigsby, Barbara Robertson, Leigh Rucker, Charles Rybarski, Heidi & Thomas Schmidt, Daranee Teapthong, Yogi & Rosie Ybarra & Family, Melissa Zahn, Brandl Family, and the Rocco, Traewick, Oberdick & Parsons Families.

To request a Mass Intention or add a loved one to the prayer list, please contact us at info@saintedward.org or call the Parish Office. **Please note that the prayer list is refreshed every 8 weeks.**

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Infant Baptism

Parents who wish to have their child baptized, contact Eileen Hubbard at ehubbard@saintedward.org at least four 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 your journey of becoming Catholic? Are you a Catholic adult who was never Confirmed? Contact Matthew Crews at mcrews@saintedward.org.

Anointing of the Sick

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon., 12/15	Tues., 12/16	Wed., 12/17	Thurs., 12/18	Fri., 12/19	Sat., 12/20	Sun., 12/21
8:30AM Mass	6:30AM Mass	6:30AM Mass	8:30AM Mass	8:30AM Mass	7:00AM Lectionary Based Bible Study	7:30AM Mass
6:30PM Cub Scouts	8:30AM Mass	8:30AM Mass	9:15AM Blue Army Prayer Group	12:10PM Mass	8:30AM Mass	9:30AM Mass
What Catholics Believe	9:30AM Great Adventure Bible Study	6:00PM CDA Christmas Meeting	St. Edward Homeschool Co-Op	7:00PM Youth Ministry Jingle Jam	9:30AM Mass	10:00AM OCIA Catechumenate Session
7:00PM Boy Scouts	7:00PM Adult Confirmation Formation Session	7:00PM K of C Planning Meeting	5:30PM Confessions	St. Edward Run Club	9:30AM St. Edward Run Club	11:30AM Mass
Choir Practice	Confirmation Formation Session		7:00PM Holy Hour	4:00PM Confessions	9:30AM St. Edward Run Club	12:45PM Infant Baptisms
Great Adventure Bible Study	Teen Confirmation Formation Session			5:30PM Mass	7:30PM Simbang Gabi Mass	2:00PM St. Edward Run Club
Youth Band	Teen Confirmation Parent and Sponsor Meeting			7:30PM Simbang Gabi Mass	8:30PM Simbang Gabi Reception	3:30PM Family Faith Formation Gathering and Parent Formation
						5:00PM Mass
						OCIA Breaking Open of the Word (Children & Teens)

PARENT SPIRITUALITY SERIES

Sunday, December 14th
3:30-4:45PM | Chapel

Understanding and Experiencing Adoration

Director of Liturgy, Joseph Reina, will explain what adoration is and why this is something we are encouraged to practice as a form of prayer in our lives. We will have an opportunity to adore and pray.

ADULT MINISTRY

WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE

A monthly gathering brought to you by
St. Edward Catholic Church

Monday, December 15th
6:30-8:30PM
Frassati Room

Scan the QR code to register



YOUTH MINISTRY

PICTURES WITH SANTA

Join us in the Parish Life Center TODAY, December 14th, after all Masses for festive photos with Santa—perfect for your children or the whole family.

Donations are warmly welcomed and will directly support our Youth Ministry.

ST. EDWARD YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS



JINGLE JAM

DECEMBER 19, 2025

All middle and high school youth are invited to our Christmas celebration, Jingle Jam, on Friday, December 19th from 7:00-9:00PM!

Join us for a festive evening filled with

- Music & Carols
- Ugly Sweater Contest
- Gingerbread Houses
- Cookie & Ornament Decorating

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

St. Edward Christmas Program

All children are invited to take part in our Christmas Program during the 4:00PM Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord!

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We invite you to gather with us at our upcoming Masses as we celebrate our Blessed Mother and the Nativity of the Lord with joy and reverence.

The Nativity of the Lord
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, December 24th
4:00 & 7:00PM

The Nativity of the Lord

Thursday, December 25th
12:00AM (carols starting at 11:15PM)
7:30 & 9:30AM

*Celebration of the
Blessed Mother*

Mary, Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil: December 31st | 5:30PM

Holy Day: Thursday, January 1st | 9:30AM



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Thank you to everyone who supported the 13th Annual Chili Cookoff benefitting the American Wheelchair Mission! Through your generosity, the event **raised \$24,084.50, with an additional \$275 in donations, totaling \$25,359.50—enough to provide 169 wheelchairs** for those in need.

50/50 Winner:

Janet Ryan - \$320 (Winning Ticket: 1221439)

Grand Prize Winners:

Golf Outing (Cypresswood GC): Royce Molitor
Kids Electric Scooter (6-12): Yogi Ybarra
Adult Electric Scooter: Jeff McIntyre
One-Hour Massage: Chuck Gauer
Pellet Grill: Diana Arakitchie
Power Washer: Randy Czaplewski
Smart 55" TV: Bill Pitocco
Wagon of Spirits: Jeff Parker

Thank you for making a difference and supporting Council 14512 and the American Wheelchair Mission!

DSF Cry Out with JOY TO THE LORD!

As we journey through Advent, we are invited to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ—not only in prayer, but also in acts of charity. One meaningful way to do this is by supporting the Diocesan Service Fund (DSF).

Your gift to the DSF directly supports ministries that bring hope, healing, and the love of Christ to countless people throughout our diocese. From faith formation and outreach to pastoral care and charitable services, your generosity makes a profound difference.

As you reflect on the blessings God has given, please consider making a contribution to the DSF this Advent season. The deadline for 2025 contributions is December 31st. Together, we can share Christ's light with those who need it most.

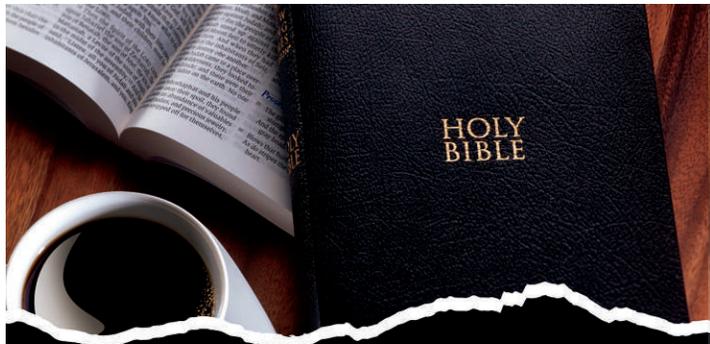
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Teen Service Hours Opportunity

Saturday,
December 20th

If you've been looking for service hours, now's your chance - we're in need of teen volunteers to help us decorate St. Edward grounds for Christmas! We're still looking for 15 teens to help with both decorating on December 20th and take down in January. Please contact Joseph Reina to volunteer: jreina@saintedward.org



LECTIONARY-BASED BIBLE STUDY

Join Deacon Nick Thompson for a weekly Bible Study every Saturday in the Parish Life Center, where we'll dive into and reflect on the upcoming Mass readings together. Scan the QR code to join!

SATURDAYS | 7:00AM-8:00AM



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY: Today, December 14th

Hosted by the Pastoral Council, join us for donuts and refreshments after each morning Mass.

New Parishioners are encouraged to join us for the New Parishioner Welcome Breakfast

RALLY FOR LIFE

Rally for Life 2026 will take place in Austin on Saturday, January 24th. The Knights of Columbus are generously sponsoring a charter bus for all who wish to attend. To learn more and reserve your spot, simply scan the QR code.



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