

St. Edward Parish

North Plains, Oregon

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Mission Statement

St. Edward is a welcoming Catholic Parish embracing God our Father, Jesus Christ His Son, and the Holy Spirit. We gather in **Faith** to give glory and praise to God as a worshipping community. We gather in **Hope** to educate, form and nurture spiritual growth of our individual parishioners, families, and community through the administration of the sacraments, catechesis, prayer and devotion and fellowship. We gather in **Charity** to provide social outreach in our works of mercy.

Parish Pastoral Council

Dian Duyck 2019-2023 (Chair)
Patrick Weis 2019-2023 (Vice Chair)
John Reding 2020-2024 (Secretary)
Kristina Heagh-Avritt 2018-2022
Bob VanderZanden 2018-2022
Mitch Nussbaumer 2020-2024

Confessions:

Saturday 4:30-5:15 pm or by appointment,
call/text Fr. Michael 971-217-5335

Masses:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm
Sunday Morning Mass 9:15 am
Wednesday Morning Mass 9:00 am

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

1st Wednesday of the month, following
9:00 am Mass, closes at 7:00 pm

Funeral Service

Contact the parish office before making any funeral arrangements involving St. Edward Church facilities. The office will involve Father Michael as soon as possible. Thank you.

Infant Baptism

Before scheduling a date for baptism, parents must be registered members of St. Edward Parish and attend a baptism preparation class. To register for a baptism class and for more information, contact the parish office. An appointment will be scheduled with Father Michael.

Matrimony

Couples are asked to contact the parish office. The office will then send a letter explaining parish policies and an information form to be filled out and returned. No date can be set until there is a conference with the parish priest, at least six months prior to the wedding.

Parish Hall Use

If any parish committee, ministry, or group is planning a meeting or gathering in the parish hall, it is important that you call Nancy in the parish office for availability.

Mass Intentions can normally be offered on Wednesday mornings and Saturday evenings. Please submit requests through the parish office. A suggested stipend is \$10.

Bulletin Announcements

The deadline is 12:00 pm on Tuesday for the following Sunday. Call the parish office or email mail@stedwardnp.org.

Dear Parishioners,

Today as the United States marks its 245th birthday as a nation, we focus on Independence Day, on freedom, and not only on the historical liberation from King George III and the United Kingdom but on what our freedom is for, that is what Madison described as "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

As people of faith, we Christians can deepen these aims of freedom expressed in the Declaration by the Biblical ideas of zoe (not just biological life but the higher life of the soul that Christ came to give us to the full), freedom (Christ has set us free precisely so that we might love God and others by His standard), and the pursuit of happiness (which is far more than pleasure, and meant to last far more than even 245 years, through the pursuit of holiness).

The United States of America was formed with this deeper context in mind, to allow for the possibility of fulfilling it. But for that to be achieved, we need a revolutionary spirit in every generation, the courage of many of our founding fathers to be willing to risk their lives for this ideal, and to remember what so many of them remarked, that if we are going to have a republic conceived in liberty remain, the citizens must use their liberty in a particular way, tied to responsibility.

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people," as John Adams once wrote, "It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." In other words, the success of any nation or government is contingent on the virtue of its people. This is the same assessment that is being made in today's first reading from the Book of the prophet Ezekiel.

Ezekiel is commissioned to preach a message during the time of the Babylonian Exile. The Jewish people have been displaced. He points out that due to the failure to live justly, that is, during their prosperous period, they marginalized God, selling off needy people for goods, oppressing the poor, taking advantage of the helpless and people were using people as objects of pleasure. Does this sound remotely familiar?

As American citizens especially rooted in Christian faith, if we do not have a moral compass to guide and direct us, the blessings and gifts that God has bestowed upon us will be seen only as our endeavor and becomes so easy to act as if God does not exist. And if God does not exist, God in His Divine Wisdom does not inform any of our decisions in our bedroom or homes, in our work places, in our classrooms and schools, and even in our public square.

Without God, these words of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness ring hollow as the only life that matters, is to only serve oneself and one's agenda. The liberty exercised is one's own subjective truth based upon how I feel and think. And the pursuit of happiness is my own happiness at the expense of others who stand in my way. There is no recognition of the life of another, the liberty of choice that affects the good of others, and there is no singular goal to pursue the needs of others.

On this 245th Anniversary of our Nation's Independence and Liberty, let us never forget that our Founding Fathers were men of faith who believed that for a nation and government to succeed, it is through the Virtue of the People who are both moral and religious. May we never all the voice of morality and religion be muzzled or muted as this is not the American way, especially in this great nation: the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Have a Blessed 4th of July!

~ Fr. Michael

This Week

Saturday, July 3rd

Confessions 4:30-5:15 pm

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: RIP Nicholas Bocanegra

Sunday, July 4th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Monday, July 5th

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, July 7th

Mass 9:00 am

Intentions: RIP Martha Tadei

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all day with closing at 7:00 pm

Saturday, July 10th

Confessions 4:30-5:15 pm

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: RIP Sr. Joyce Barsotti SSMO

Sunday, July 11th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Offertory Collection

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 6/26 & 6/27:	\$1807.00
Online total:	\$1160.00
Over (Under):	(\$1406.00)
Peter's Pence Collection	\$670.00

Middle School & High School Youth Groups

Social gatherings are planned in July & August to transition the incoming 6th grade class to Middle School Youth Group and the graduating 8th graders to High School Youth Group. Please join us at Visitation Parish Center.

Sunday, July 18 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm: 6th grade welcoming to Middle School Youth Group, Ice Breakers, and a game of Capture the Flag.

Sunday, July 25 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm: 8th grade Graduates welcoming to High School Youth Group, Ice Breakers, and a game of Capture the Flag.

Sunday, August 15 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm Middle School Youth Group Kickball/Softball game and BBQ

Sunday, August 22 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm High School Youth Group Kickball/Softball game and BBQ

FORMED.ORG

To begin to utilize this Catholic Resource, go online to www.formed.org and select "Enter code" link. Input the Parish Code: HWNN8P to create your own personal login and password and begin enjoying the FREE content.

Pick of the Month

Fr. Michael's Pick:

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Dr. Brant Pitre. In preparation at the end of the month of July for the multiplication of loaves and fish prefiguring the Eucharist instituted at the Last Supper, watch Dr. Brant Pitre use the Hebrew Scriptures and Jewish traditions to frame the actions at the Last Supper and to provide a fresh look at the heart of Catholic practice - the Eucharist. (Run Time: 68 minutes)

Live Streaming of Masses

11:00 am Sunday Mass from The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Go to <https://archdpdx.org/live-masses>.

5:00 pm Saturday Vigil and 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday Masses from Visitation. Download Zoom.us, enter Meeting ID: 993 4497 4746 and Password: HolyMass.

Religious Education

Grades 1-5 (Including 2nd Grade Sacramental Prep)

Classes will resume in the Fall. Have a great Summer!

Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8) & High School Youth Group (grades 9-12)

Have a wonderful Summer and we will see you next Fall when we Kick off the New Year in September 2021.

Garden of Hope Service Project

Calling all gardeners & future gardeners ... we need your help planting, weeding and harvesting this summer to fill food sharing tables for low-income senior citizens in North Plains. Help is needed on Saturdays from 9:00-11:00 am. Please contact Bob VanderZanden at 503-680-2879 or vandz_@live.com if you are able to help.

Expanding to Love and Serve Campaign

The committee has completed the baseline design of the building and is in the process of consulting electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and structural engineers. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Michael, Dick Vandehey (Chair), Dick Krueger (Vice Chair), or Bob VanderZanden (Vice Chair).

On the Road to Normal

With the state reaching the metric of 70% of residents over the age of 12 fully or partially vaccinated, mask/face covering and social distancing guidelines are no longer in effect. We will be returning to bringing up the gifts and altar servers assisting at the altar again.

Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.