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,

On the Church's liturgical calendar, September 19 is the memorial of St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr. If September 19 did not fall on a Sunday this year, we would be celebrating his memorial rather than the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Nevertheless, I would like to spend a few words about St. Januarius.

As Bishop of Naples, Italy, he was later martyred in 304 during the persecution of Diocletian. Christ's blood flowed through him to the point of shedding his own blood, the blood that the Church still has today 1700+ years later. There is a drop of his blood reserved in a reliquary that, once a year on his feast day, mysteriously continues to liquify and almost boil.

There are many video proofs of this miracle as well as eye witness accounts. I would include myself as having seen the miracle occur during my time studying and in priestly formation at the North American College, the American seminary in Rome.

On September 19, it was customary for all, including seminarians who happen to sometimes miss class to travel to Naples which was only 90 minutes away via the express train to witness this once in a lifetime miracle. I will confess, I was one of the seminarians who exercised the following: "better to ask forgiveness than permission."

But in my defense, when I was questioned of not having received permission to miss class, my response was to quote my rector, Msgr. Timothy Dolan, now Cardinal Dolan, who told all of us seminarians under his care, "make Rome your classroom', i.e., explore it, visit the shrines and religious sites and walk the cobblestones where saints and sinners traversed. Obviously, I may have taken that advice a few hundred kilometers outside of Rome though.

Nevertheless, it was an incredibly eye witnessing experience that deepened my faith to the truth that the blood of the martyrs are the seeds of faith implanted into the soil of our hearts allowing God and our relationship and dependence upon God to grow and be nurtured.

For this reason, the Church highlights in her liturgical calendar the lives of our saints and martyrs to inspire us and, more importantly, to focus upon four ways to enrich, nurture and grow our faith through prayer, conversion, praise, and worship.

1) Prayer - If we are not praying, we will never bear great fruit for God. Prayer is the type in which God has the chance to sow, to fertilize, to irrigate, and to prune.
2) Conversion - We are called to respond to God's perpetual call to repent and believe in order for us to become who God desires us to be.
3) Praise - If we are bearing fruit, it will show in our speech especially giving credit where credit is due, i.e., giving glory, praise and thanksgiving to God.
4) Worship - If we have good soil, we will come to where God speaks in the proclamation of Sacred Scripture and the Eucharist at Holy Mass especially on Sunday.

Let us always put our efforts into fostering those 4 types of ways to cultivate our spiritual soil, our soul.

St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr, PRAY FOR US.

Have a Blessed Week! ~ Fr. Michael

This Week

Saturday, September 18th

Confessions 4:30-5:15 pm

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: RIP Edmund Duyck

Sunday, September 19th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

High School Youth Group 6:00-7:30 pm at Visitation

Wednesday, September 22nd

Mass 9:00 am

Intentions: RIP Marilyn Bernards

Religious Education Grades 1-5 4:00 pm, St. Edward Parish Hall

Saturday, September 25th

Confessions 4:30-5:15 pm

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, September 26th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions of Stewart & Ann King and family

Middle School Youth Group 6:00 - 7:30 pm at Visitation

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).

Garden of Hope Service Project Gives Thanks

Many thanks to those who helped bring forth a bountiful harvest for the senior citizens in North Plains. If you are interested in donating produce from your garden, please contact Bob VanderZanden at 503-680-2879 or vandz_@live.com or drop items off at the North Plains Senior Center.

Offertory Collection

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	$4373.00
Offertory total for 9/11 & 9/12:	$2912.00
Online total:	$870.00
Over (Under):	($591.00)

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:

“The Woman”

As we Kick Off our Religious Education programs for the youth and adults in the month of September, each program traditionally has started with invoking the Blessed Mother for a successful year. Continuing from the month of August celebrating her Assumption, we learn more about Mary in Sacred Scripture from the books of Genesis as well as Revelation that speaks of who this “Woman” and her role in salvation history (Run Time: 39 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.

Face Masks Required - Effective August 13

“Due to the spike in COVID-19 hospitalizations being driven by the spread of the highly contagious Delta variant, Governor Brown issued an executive order requiring masks/face coverings statewide at all indoor public gatherings beginning August 13, 2021. Effective Friday, August 13, masks/face coverings are required for all adults and children older than 5 gathered in all Catholic Churches in the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon.”

Religious Education

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Those who are interested in becoming Catholic, RCIA is the process of discerning, learning and formation in the Catholic Faith. Please contact Fr. Michael, 971-217-5335 or email mvuky@yahoo.com, for inquiries or to register. Classes begin Sunday, October 1, 2021 12:00-1:00 pm in Visitation school.

Grades 1-5

Next class will be Wednesday, September 22nd at 4:00 pm at St. Edward Parish Hall. Please contact Nancy Vandehey at 503-647-2131 for information on registering your child.

Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Group

Meets Sunday, September 26 from 6:00-7:30 pm at Visitation. Lesson: Why am I here? All are invited. For more information, please contact Laura Nevis at 503-575-5608 or lnevis@farthing.com

High School (grades 9-12) Youth Group

Kick Off Event Sunday, September 19 from 6:00-7:30 pm with Mass and Social Activity: Office Olympics at Visitation. All are invited. For more information, please contact Laura Nevis at 503-575-5608 or lnevis@farthing.com.

High School Confirmation (grades 9 and older)

Candidates entering 9th grade this academic year 2021-22 and older interested in the Sacrament of Confirmation, if you missed the Information Meeting last Wednesday, September 15, please contact Laura Nevis at 503-575-5608 or lnevis@farthing.com to register.

Retreat permission slip due Monday, September 27. October 1-3 Retreat at Twin Rocks, Rockaway Beach. All candidates must attend. For more information, please contact Laura Nevis.