

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,

This past week of September 20-26 is National Migrant Week which culminates with the Vatican's celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees this Sunday. From a Scriptural and religious standpoint, there has been a long history and background on caring for the stranger.

For instance, Abraham was a stranger in a foreign land after God called him out of the land of Ur. Jacob and his family were displaced due to a famine and found refuge in the land of Egypt. Moses and the Israelites were wandering in the desert for 40 years. And for this reason, the care and concern that the Israelites received during the Exodus, God mandated: "You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Exodus 22:21).

Furthermore, during the Babylonian Exile, the nation of Israel was removed from their homeland. King Herod's bounty placed upon the newborn king of the Jews, the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph had to flee. Jesus' final exam questions at the end of the Gospel St. Matthew establishing the corporal works of mercy: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35).

These countless Scriptural passages cemented the Church's teaching on our responsibility to care for migrants and refugees as outlined in Pope Pius XII's 1952 Apostolic Constitution *Exsul Familia Nazarethana*, Pope John XXIII's 1963 *Pacem in Terris 103-105*, and Vatican II document *Gaudium et Spes 84* to name a few current Ecclesiastical texts.

Not only does our Catholic faith call us to this work of mercy and basic human right and dignity, we have experienced it in our own family history. From the Dutch migrants who travelled from Holland to the United States and settling in Little Chute, Wisconsin and the surrounding areas. Then after 25 years in 1875, parts of the original group traveled further west to Oregon and settling in the area that we call home today.

In my own family, political and religious refugees from Vietnam, fleeing a Communist regime in search of asylum and finding it in the welcome, care, and shelter of the United States. Every day my parents remind my siblings and I as well as their grandkids to be grateful. Every single year we celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving to God and America, to the country and people who welcomed us with open arms.

One of the many lessons my parents, especially my father, taught me that I will never forget is the awesome sense of responsibility to learn the language, the culture, and values of our new home so we can give back and contribute so that the sacrifices made by others before us would be given back to those who came after us, the opportunity to succeed and the freedom and liberty to do so.

For this reason, not only were the images recently of Afghanistan very painful for my parents to watch, revisiting their own escape and plight, but even more so when they hear the constant howling of those who believe that American is irredeemable. Granted, my parents are not naïve to believe that everything here is picture perfect, but at the same time, there seems to be a loss of perspective.

As my father will tell my college-aged niece who recounts the comments made of how terrible and oppressed of a place they are living in, my father immediately shares how his generational family farm was confiscated under the notion of redistribution of wealth. And

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due to losing the family farm and the primary source of income, his father (my grandfather) and him sought work in the south that eventually was designated Democratic South Vietnam.

As a result, my aunt and uncle left behind as well as other relatives were "under careful watch" because my grandfather and dad were branded traitors for fleeing to the south. The remaining family members were not only under constant watch, but they were barred from going to school until they completed a reeducation program and passed the litmus test of loyalty. If they spoke up, as my dad's cousin did, in the middle of the night, he was taken away, never to be seen. This is the perspective that my father has from living in a country that exercised liberty and freedom (or lack thereof) under those guidelines.

Not only are we called as people of faith to welcome the strangers especially those who are seeking asylum from oppressive regimes, but in doing so, we are becoming a better country and nation due the fact of their experience and perspective to inform us that where they are fleeing is far worse. And their experience is necessary to provide us a perspective of gratitude and appreciation of what we do have. In hearing their stories, perhaps there would be less "look how bad we've got it" talk.

Have a Blessed Week!
~ Fr. Michael

This Week

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

Wednesday, September 29th

Mass 9:00 am

Intentions: RIP Howard Henningsen

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

Friday, October 1st - Sunday, October 3rd

High School Youth Group Retreat

Saturday, October 2nd

Confessions 4:30-5:15 pm

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, October 3rd

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: RIP Clarence Court

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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.

Garden of Hope Service Project Gives Thanks

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

Expanding to Love and Serve Campaign

The committee has received approval from the Archdiocese on the general contractor. Zurbrugg Construction from Hillsboro (who has experience with projects at St. Matthew and St. Pius X) will be working with the committee to finalize the design plans. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Michael, Dick Vandehey (Chair), Dick Krueger (Vice Chair), or Bob VanderZanden (Vice Chair).

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 3, 2021 12:00-1:00 pm in Visitation school.

Grades 1-5

Next class will be Wednesday, September 29th 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 Inevis@farthing.com

High School (grades 9-12) Youth Group

Retreat permission slips due Monday, September 27. October 1-3 Retreat at Twin Rocks, Rockaway Beach. All high school students are invited. For more information, please contact Laura Nevis, 503-575-5608 or Inevis@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 Inevis@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.

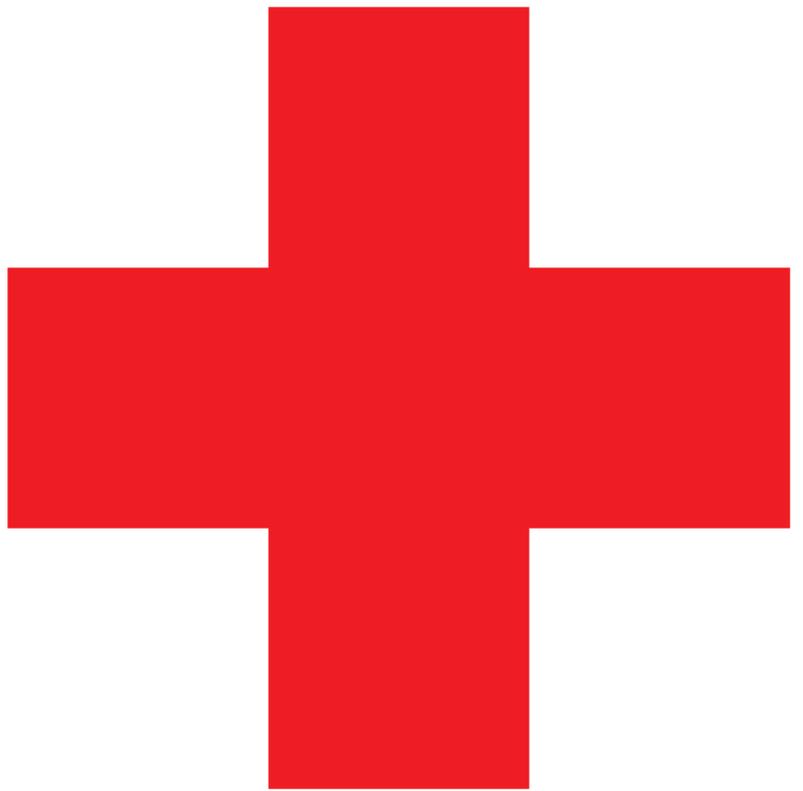
Offertory Collection

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 9/18 & 9/19:	\$1657.00
Online total:	\$1570.00
Over (Under):	(\$1146.00)

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