

# St. Edward Parish

North Plains, Oregon

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## Holy Eucharist to Sick & Shut-ins

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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,

First, I would like to encourage you to consider a very rare opportunity for spiritual growth at the Grotto in Portland. The Grotto is hosting an exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles from around the world in their conference center from October 1st through the 17th.

I invite all of you to make a pilgrimage up to the Grotto because, although a Catholic's faith in the Eucharist is not based on Eucharistic miracles, it can be confirmed and strengthened by Eucharistic miracles. Catholic faith in the Eucharist comes essentially from Christ's own words and actions.

As we reflected throughout the month of August in the sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel, Jesus told his listeners to "work for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you," and then specifies that he is the "living Bread that has come down from heaven" and that the "bread that I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh." He even stressed that "my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink" and that unless we "eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood" we will have no life within us.

Jesus would make sense of those words a year later when, during the Last Supper, he would take Passover meal elements of bread and wine and totally change them into his body and blood and give himself to his apostles to consume under those appearances. Jesus' Eucharistic words and actions constitute the fundamental ground for Catholic faith in his real presence.

Faith is ultimately a belief in something on the basis of a trust in someone testifying. We believe in what Jesus says because we believe in him. But one way Jesus used to help others grow in trust of him was through the miracles done in his Father's name, which powerfully demonstrated his trustworthiness.

For this reason, Eucharistic miracles that occur which we celebrate and honor on feast days and erect shrines for are events that after scientific tests and having experts from all fields of study confirm there is no explanation on natural terms but only supernatural. Eucharistic miracles, while not establishing faith in the Eucharist, can serve to buttress Eucharistic faith and amazement, by taking off the veil of the regular miracle of transubstantiation and giving a tangible reminder that what seems to be bread and wine is in fact Jesus' Body and Blood.

Before us, we all have a great opportunity in our own backyard to strengthen our faith in the Real and True Presence.

Blessings,  
~ Fr. Michael

Below is information from their flyer:

*The exhibit consists of illustrations and descriptions of 48 miracles (in English and Spanish) that have occurred around the world since the 3rd century. There is an illustrated board that answers the question, "What is a Eucharistic Miracle" as well as a board featuring Blessed Carlo Acutis. There are also three short videos available for watching.*

*Pastor's Notes Continued*

**The exhibit is available for visiting:**

**Monday - Friday** 10 am to 3 pm with a break from 12-1 for Mass/lunch;

**Saturdays/Sundays** 10 am to 5 pm with a break from 12-1 for Mass/lunch.

**There is no charge.** Daily Mass is celebrated in the Chapel of Mary at noon Monday - Saturday. The Rosary is prayed before each Mass beginning at 11:30 am.

*The Grotto follows mandated COVID-19 protocols, which provide a safe environment for those wishing to visit the exhibit.*

## This Week

Saturday, October 9th

**Confessions** 4:30-5:15 pm

**Vigil Mass** 5:30 pm

*Intentions of Molly Reding*

Sunday, October 10th

**Mass** 9:15 am

*Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward*

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

Wednesday, October 13th

**Mass** 9:00 am

*Intentions: RIP Debra Jane Vaandering*

**Religious Education Grades 1-5** 4:00-5:15 pm at St. Edward Parish Hall

Saturday, October 16th

**Confessions** 4:30-5:15 pm

**Vigil Mass** 5:30 pm

*Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward*

Sunday, October 17th

**Mass** 9:15 am

*Intentions: RIP Pete Tadei*

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

## Offertory Collection

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 10/2 & 10/3:	\$3970.00
Online total:	\$1221.88
Over (Under):	\$848.88

## FORMED.ORG

To begin to utilize this Catholic Resource, go online to [www.formed.org](http://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:

"Men, Women, and the Mystery of Love" by Dr. Edward Sri

In today's culture, we're constantly bombarded with the secular notion of love and intimacy, instead of the kind of love that God intended for his children. In this Lighthouse Talk, Dr. Edward Sri explains how Pope St. John Paul II's teachings of the Theology of the Body can help us prepare for marriage by showing us how to live as selfless, authentic men and women (Run Time 48 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**

Our sharing table is finished for the year with baskets of vegetables and fruit being delivered 3 times/week from June 18th until October 1st. It would not have been possible without all the help in planting, thinning, weeding, and harvesting. We also had additional garden produce donated from parishioners. Good Samaritans who helped/donated are: Alexis Brink, Angelique Dauvin, Colette Dauvin, Illenie Dauvin, Travis Duyck, Braden & Lorena Tunnell, Becky Phillips, Bill & Dian Duyck, Mary & Tony Spiering, Mark Susbauer, Scott Latham, and Leah & Isaac & Emma Nussbaumer.

A huge thank you to all!!

Bob & Crystal VanderZanden

### **St. Edward Cemetery**

The cemetery paving project is complete. The south driveway is closed permanently. Please use the north driveway for ingress and egress.

### **Upcoming Blood Drive**

Please remember that there is an upcoming blood drive at St. Edward Parish Hall on Thursday, October 21st from 1:00-6:00 pm.

## Religious Education

*RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)*

*Meets Sunday, October 10 from 12:00-1:00 pm in Visitation school cafeteria. Fr. Michael will be presenting upon "What is prayer, what it means to be a Catholic, and what is the Mass?" All are invited.*

*Grades 1-5*

*Next class will be Wednesday, October 13th 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, October 10 from 6:00-7:30 pm. Lesson: God Made. All are invited.*

*Sunday, October 17 from 1:00-3:00 pm Fall Festival and Pumpkin Social at St. Edward Parish Hall. Food, drinks, games, activities, and hayride to Shadybrook Pumpkin Patch to pick out your own pumpkin. For more information, please contact Laura Nevis, 503-575-5608 or [Inevis@farthing.com](mailto:Inevis@farthing.com)*

*High School (grades 9-12) Youth Group*

*Next meeting, Sunday, October 17 from 1:00-3:00 pm Fall Festival and Pumpkin Social at St. Edward Parish Hall. Food, drinks, games, activities, and hayride to Shadybrook Pumpkin Patch to pick out your own pumpkin. For questions, call Laura Nevis 503-575-5608 or [Inevis@farthing.com](mailto:Inevis@farthing.com).*

*High School Confirmation (grades 9 and older)*

*Saturday, October 30 is the first meeting which begins with 5:30 pm Vigil Mass at St. Edward, North Plains and then a meal and lesson will be offered in the parish hall following Mass. Session ends at 7:15 pm. For questions, call Laura Nevis, 503-575-5608 or [Inevis@farthing.com](mailto:Inevis@farthing.com).*

### **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).

### **Vigil Choir**

Singers are welcome to join in our small Vigil choir. Come to rehearsal at 4:30 pm for 5:30 Vigil Mass. There is no need to call ahead. If you have questions or comments, please call Kathy at 503-357-0398.