

# 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,

Fr. Kelly Vandehey recently sent me a link to an article that appeared a month ago in the New York Times reporting that the Archdiocese of Catania, Sicily, had prohibited godparents or sponsors for the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation for the next three years.

The article was entitled *In the Land of the Godfather Comes a Ban on Them*. Jason Horowitz' article described how Archbishop Salvatore Gristina, after having consulted with his priests and the lay people on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, suspended the role of godparents beginning October 1.

Archbishop Gristina did so, he decreed, because the office had largely lost its religious context and had not only become a "sort of formal fulfillment or social custom in which the dimension of the faith is rarely visible." Needless to say, both Fr. Kelly and I agreed it was a diplomatic way of saying that many of those nominated to serve as godparents were unqualified due to the fact that they were not practicing the Catholic faith, and thus have been relegated as an expression to an honorary title.

When looking at the role of a godparent and sponsor, in the early Church, especially during the age of persecutions, godparents (also called at the time sponsors, presenters, guardians, or faith-swearers) were devout Christians who would vouch for the faith of adults presenting themselves to the bishop for baptism and who would assume the responsibility of accompanying them in their preparation for, and life after, baptism. In the baptism of children, godparents would reject Satan and make the profession of faith on behalf of their charges, taking responsibility - as "co-parents" - to raise the children in the faith.

Over the course of the centuries, the qualifications have been outlined to be: baptized Catholic, at least 16, not the child's mother or father, have received the sacraments of baptism, confession, confirmation and communion, live by the faith, and not be excommunicated or under other canonical penalties. One Godparent or sponsor is required, but there may be two of different sexes for baptism. The responsibility to raise children should tragedy strike both parents have never legally been an official part of the role of Godparents, but may be stipulated by parents in wills.

The reasons for these expectations and criteria are because godparents do not receive an honorary title but rather an ecclesiastical title with important duties and obligations. For this reason, the current practice in the Archdiocese of Portland that when a godparents is nominated, they must present themselves to priests with "in good standing" letters.

Most of the time, a priest is more than happy to write letters of good standing especially when it affirms that the godparent nominated is one that is open and willing to walk on the journey of faith with their candidate. There are rare occasions that a priest may experience a person who becomes indignant that a priest is unable to in good conscience vouch for them, attesting that the person is a practicing, exemplary and fully initiated Catholic, and, if not, at least open in an invitation for *metonoia*.

Often times, godparents who are fervent Catholics in good standing and eager to fulfill the responsibilities associated with the office humbly ask for advice about how to discharge their duties well. I have offered the following words of advice that have been passed onto me through seasoned pastors like Bishop Steiner.

*Pastor's Notes (Continued)*

The obvious advice is living the faith with integrity, praying for their godchildren each day and remaining involved in their life. Then I add the following three things: 1) get a good photo of the baptism, frame it, so that the child may more easily and regularly remember the most important day of his or her life, 2) if they are going to get an annual gift for their godchild, to do so not on Christmas or on the child's birthday but on the anniversary of the baptism, so that, as the child grows, the child will remember the date and look forward to it and 3) celebrate that anniversary in a special way, taking the child out for ice cream or a meal as well as relight their baptismal candle and say a prayer together.

Let all of us who are godparents as well as parents discerning who to choose as godparents recommit ourselves to the sanctification of our own godchildren wherever they are in their journey, and to ask the Lord hastily to renew the understanding and faithful practice of this important office in the Church.

Blessings, Fr. Michael

## This Week

Saturday, November 20th

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

**Vigil Mass** 5:30 pm

*Intentions: RIP George Sohler*

Sunday, November 21st

**Mass** 9:15 am

*Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward*

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

Wednesday, November 24th

**Mass** 9:00 am

*Intentions: RIP Martha Tadei*

**Religious Education Grades 1-5** No class today

Thursday, November 25th *Thanksgiving*

**Mass** 9:00 am

*Intentions: RIP Howard Henningsen*

Saturday, November 27th

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

**Vigil Mass** 5:30 pm

*Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward*

Sunday, November 28th

**Mass** 9:15 am

*Intentions: RIP Carol Goeden*

## Offertory Collection

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 11/6 & 11/7:	\$5213.00
Online total:	\$710.00
Over (Under):	\$1550.00

## 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:

"The Saints" by Dr. Scott Hahn

As we move into the month of November celebrating the Church Triumphant and praying for the Church suffering in purgatory, Dr. Scott Hahn covers the Biblical evidence for the authority of the Pope, the doctrine of Purgatory, devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints, the Sacrament of Confession, the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist and more, the remarkable sets is an essential resource for answering the various objections that Protestants make to the Catholic Faith (Run Time: 70 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.

### **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).

### **Thanksgiving Day Mass**

Thursday, November 25, Thanksgiving Day Mass is offered at 9:00 am in all three parishes: St. Edward, St. Francis of Assisi, and Visitation. As the turkey is cooking in the oven or in the smoker, come and give thanks for they many blessings that God has bestowed on us all.

As well as we have another reason to celebrate as it is Bishop Steiner's 85th birthday. At all the Masses, there will be individually packaged chocolates attached to a table blessing card that you can pray before your Thanksgiving Day meal. Also, Bishop Steiner has asked on his 85th birthday, no gifts please, but consider donating in his name to the Parish Capital Campaign. Information can be found on the back of the card provided.

### **Advent Day Retreat at Our Lady of Peace Retreat**

Retreat Master: Rev. Brian Mullady, O.P.

Theme: "The 'O Antiphons' and Preparing your Soul for the Birth of Christ"

9 am - 2:30 pm on Wednesday, December 1st  
\$40 per person, includes lunch

To register for in-person, please phone the retreat house at 503-649-7127 or email [sisters@olpretreat.org](mailto:sisters@olpretreat.org). For virtual option, visit [www.olpretreat.org](http://www.olpretreat.org).

## Religious Education

### **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Meets, Sunday, November 21 from noon until 1:00 pm in the Visitation School cafeteria. Fr. Michael will be presenting on "4 Marks of the Church and Rite of Welcoming and Acceptance." Sponsors must attend.

### **Grades 1-5**

No class on November 24.

### **Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Group**

Next meeting Sunday, December 12 from 6:00-7:30 pm at Visitation Parish Center for Advent Service Project. 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**

Meets Sunday, November 21 from 6:00-7:30 pm at Visitation Parish Center. Life Nite lesson: Discipleship. For more information, please contact Laura Nevis, 503-575-5608 or [Inevis@farthing.com](mailto:Inevis@farthing.com).

### **Mission Krewe 2022 (grades 9-12)**

June 17-24, 2022 we are partnering up with Catholic Charities to help with the Hurricane Ida Recovery in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana. Those who missed the information meeting, please contact Laura Nevis, 503-575-5608 or [Inevis@farthing.com](mailto:Inevis@farthing.com). To save your spot, refundable deposit of \$100 is due Monday, November 23 to Visitation School office.

### **High School Confirmation (grades 9 and older)**

Saturday, December 4th 5:30 pm Vigil Mass at St. Edward and then a meal and lesson on "Gifts of the Holy Spirit and Sacrament of Confirmation" in the parish hall following Mass. Session ends at 7:15 pm. For questions, please call Laura Nevis, 503-575-5608 or [Inevis@farthing.com](mailto:Inevis@farthing.com).

### **Warm Clothing Drive**

The parish will be gathering warm clothing (coats, hats, gloves) and blankets for the poor and homeless. The clothing drive begins this weekend and will continue through November 27th and 28th. Please leave these warm items in the vestibule of the church. Please contact Charlotte Carlson at 503-647-0721 with any questions.  
Thank you in advance for your generosity!

### **Adoration Special Intention for Life**

All are invited to join us in our monthly Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration on December 1st from 9:30 am until 7:00 pm to pray for a special intention Promoting the Dignity of the Human Person as the Supreme Court will be hearing arguments in the Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health case on Wednesday, December 1. This could be a historic moment for our nation, where once again each state could be empowered to decide for themselves how to protect life. For more information, please go to Brian Burch, head of CatholicVote as he explains: <https://catholicvote.org/cv-launches-prayer-campaign-ahead-of-historic-dobbs-case/>.



## Country Christmas Festival Happenings

Christmas wreaths start Monday, November 22nd and Tuesday, November 23rd at 8:00 am at Bob & Crystal VanderZanden's greenhouse. Please call Crystal at 503-647-2405 with any questions or to pre-order your beautiful Christmas wreath.

Please continue to sell/purchase raffle tickets. Additional tickets can be purchased at the parish office. Each ticket is an opportunity to win an amazing prize!

## Altar Server Refresher

Elliott King will be holding a refresher course for altar servers. Covid has forced some changes. It is requested that all veteran altar servers attend the refresher after the 9:15 am Mass on Sunday, November 28th.



## Blessing Bag Project - Middle School Youth Group Service Project

The Middle School Youth Group is collecting the following hygiene items for the homeless to create Blessing Bags in 1 gallon zip lock bags. Hats, gloves, socks, razors, toothbrushes/mouthwash (travel size), Chapstick, Hot Hands, travel tissues, rain ponchos/black garbage bag, hand sanitizer (travel size), disposable or cloth face mask, travel size wipes. Each bag's value is approximately \$10. Donations of items, completed bags or cash would truly help to bring comfort to those in need during this holiday season. Items can be left in the back of the church. Please contact Laura Nevis at [Inevis@farthing.com](mailto:Inevis@farthing.com) or 503-575-5608 if you are able to help.

