

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)
Tony Lucas 2022-2025
Jaymi Yazzolino 2022-2025
Mitch Nussbaumer 2020-2024

Confessions:

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

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 6:00 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 Brian Meeuwsen.

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 Pastoral Associate, Brian Meeuwsen, 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,

In this month of October 2022, we marked the 25th anniversary of St. Pope John Paul II's declaration of St. Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face as a doctor of the Church. Needless to say, a very impressive recognition and acknowledgement. On that occasion, St. Pope John Paul II noted that even though she was becoming the youngest of all (now 37) doctors of the Church, "her ardent spiritual journey shows such maturity and the insights of faith in her writings are so vast and profound that they deserve a place among the great spiritual masters."

St. Pope John Paul singled out how she identified that her vocation, and every vocation in fact, was to be "love in the heart of the Church," a truth she grasped and exemplified. The "disarming simplicity" of her "little way," he underlined, helps us to perceive the essential "secret of all life," which is the love of God believed in, received, lived, reciprocated and shared with others.

During this 3-year Eucharistic Revival, it is fitting to focus upon another modern saint of how she grew in her love, reverence, respect, and appreciation of the Eucharist. Based upon her biography, it was a 3-fold process beginning with her parents, her own devotion and finally her own unique understanding:

1. St. Therese's Eucharistic love began very young, in the Eucharistic piety of her parents, Saints Louis and Zelig Martin, who were daily Mass-goers and frequent recipients of Holy Communion. Mom and dad would bring little Therese along with them to Mass each morning, and her father would take her on afternoon walks, which would always climax in a visit to the Blessed Sacrament in some Church or chapel. Parents play a very pivotal role.
2. What was planted in her heart by her parents developed into her own expressions of love for the Eucharist such as she delighted to be able to throw rose petals before Jesus' path. She would make 15-minute visits to the Blessed Sacrament on her own during recess at school and eagerly took part in Benediction. She developed her own love for the devotion.
3. Finally, the year before she died, she wrote a beautiful poem entitled, "My Wishes Before the Tabernacle," in which she compared herself to the tabernacle key (to open a place where God's love resided), the sanctuary lamp (to be a light to draw others to Christ), the altar stone (to be a foundation where Christ could rest like the manger in Bethlehem), the corporal (to receive him purely), the monstrance (to reveal Christ to others), the paten (to hold him with great love and sacredness), for the host, the chalice, and the grapes and wheat that are the raw materials for the Eucharistic sacrifice (to be devoted to living a life of self-sacrifice).

The Little Flower's thoughts, words, and actions cement the importance of parents modeling the faith through participation of sacraments and devotion. Next, personal accountability of developing and nurturing that within our own spiritual life. Finally, putting into practice our devotion by sharing our understanding and knowledge with others, i.e., spreading the Good News.

For these and many other reasons, St. Therese of Lisieux is a Doctor of the Church. There is so much we can continue to learn from her works, her life, and her mission of spreading the Gospel through her "little ways."

St. Therese of the Child Jesus and Holy Face, pray for us!

Blessings,

~Fr. Michael

Offertory Collection

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 10/1 & 10/2:	\$2401.00
Online total:	\$1471.88
Over (Under):	(\$500.12)

This Week

Saturday, October 8th

Confessions 4:30 pm

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: RIP Cecilia Fraser

Sunday, October 9th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

New Altar Server Training after 9:15 am Mass

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

Monday, October 10th

Men of Conviction 7:00-8:30 pm in the parish hall

Wednesday, October 12th

Mass 9:00 am

Intentions: RIP Gladys Herinckx

Religious Education (grades 1-5) 4:00-5:15 pm in the parish hall

Thursday, October 13th *Feast of St. Edward the Confessor*

Mass 9:00 am (coffee and rolls to follow in parish hall)

Saturday, October 15th

Confessions 4:30 pm

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, October 16th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: RIP Dick Duyck

New Altar Server Training after 9:15 am Mass

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

C.A.S.E. Training

All parish volunteers and employees are required by the Archdiocese of Portland to have a background check and take safe environment training. For volunteers and employees who have previously had a background check and the initial C.A.S.E. training, you will need to log in to your Academy account and take the training titled, Social Media. If you are new to being a volunteer or employee, then you will need to take an in-person C.A.S.E. training. There will be an in-person C.A.S.E. training offered at St. Edward Parish Hall on October 26 at 6:00 pm. Another session will be offered on Sunday, October 30th at 10:15 am (following Mass).

Please register for one of the trainings via email or phone.

Email: mail@stedwardnp.org or call: 503-647-2131, Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 am-1:00 pm. If you have questions, please contact Diane Ramsperger at the above information or 503-680-2996.

Thank you for your service to the community and for keeping our children safe.

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:

"St. Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction"

Francis was a person who, like us, searched for purpose and meaning and was often times left empty. It wasn't until he encountered Jesus Christ that his darkness and confusion were replaced with light and peace. When the world saw as a fool, he stood as a sign of contradiction (Run Time: approximately 77 minutes).

Altar Server Training

Interested in becoming an Altar Server? If your child is enrolled this Fall in 4th grade or older, please reach out to Brian Meeuwsen at 503-828-5660 or meeuwsenbrian@gmail.com to register for training.

St. Edward Training: after 9:15 am Sunday Mass on 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30 with Commissioning scheduled for 11/6 at 9:15 am Sunday Mass.

Catholic Friendship Group

Singles, ages 40-60

Eucharistic Adoration followed by a talk and discussion led by Fr. Joshua Clifton. Next topic: Early Christian Heresies. Our group continues to grow! Come join us for our next gathering on Friday, October 14th from 6:30-8:00 pm. Visit

www.catholicfriendshipgroup.com for more details.

Location: St. Birgitta Catholic Church, 11820 NW St. Helens Rd, Portland. RSVP to: CatholicFriendshipGroup@outlook.com

St. Edward Patronal Feast

You are invited to join Fr. Michael and Fr. Augustus on Thursday, October 13 for 9:00 am Mass to observe our Patronal Feast. The Altar Society will be providing refreshments and treats.

Live Streaming of Masses

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

10:00 am Sunday Mass from Visitation streamed via Zoom. Meeting ID: 993 4497 4746 Password: HolyMass

Religious Education

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Meets Sunday, October 9 from 12:00-1:00 pm in Visitation School. Fr. Augustus will be teaching on "What is faith, what is prayer and what is the Mass?" Please contact Fr. Michael, 971-217-5335 or email mvuky@yahoo.com for inquiries or to register.

Religious Education (Grades 1-5)

Classes have started. Every Wednesday 4:00-5:15 pm grades 1-5 for Religious Education as well as Sacramental Preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion. Please contact Nancy Vandehey, RE Director, 503-647-2131 or n.vandehey@stedwardnp.net if you have any questions. Next class is Wednesday, October 12.

Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Group

Meets Sunday, October 9 from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Visitation Parish Center. Please contact Sandy Sinner 503-840-2861 or sinnerfam4@gmail.com if you have any questions.

High School Youth Group (grades 9-12) and Mission Krewe 2022

Meets Sunday, October 16 from 6:00-7:30 pm at Visitation Parish Center. Please contact Sandy Sinner 503-840-2861 or sinnerfam4@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Confirmation (grades 8-12)

If you missed the Parent Informational meeting, please contact Sandy Sinner at 503-840-2861 or sinnerfam4@gmail.com if you have any questions.

St. Edward Country Christmas Raffle

It's that time again! St. Edward Country Christmas Raffle items are needed. Some of the items that we are looking for:

monetary donations, beach or Central Oregon weekend getaway, gift certificates for local restaurants or stores, gift baskets (such as wine, movie, coffee, spa, golf, cooking, travel, home and garden, pet), and handcrafted items

All donations must be new. We are also asking for all prizes to have at least a \$50 minimum value. Thank you so much for all of your support! Please contact Jan Hamel at 971-275-4236 with any questions.

Expanding to Love and Serve Campaign

Our current fundraising is **\$1,316,630.62** in total pledges and donations (\$203,303 in seed money, \$1,013,327.62 new donations and \$100,000 match). Please consider donating, one time or over a five-year commitment to the expansion of our Parish Hall. Gift Table and Pledge Commitment cards are available in the church vestibule or call the parish office at 503-647-2131 or www.stedwardnp.org. We are in the process of scheduling meetings with the Archdiocese Building Commission for design plans review and approval.

If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Michael, Dick Vandehey (Chair), Dick Krueger (Vice Char), or Bob VanderZanden (Vice Chair).

St. Matthew Fall Festival is Back!

October 15th & 16th, 2022

Saturday, October 15th BINGO 6:00 pm (refreshments available for cash purchase)

Sunday, October 16th
Theme Baskets 7:00 am - 3:30 pm
Breakfast Burritos 7:00 am - 11:00 am
Lunchtime Flautas - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
German Dinner - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

German Dinner Menu: pork roast stuffed with sausage or blackened roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, red cabbage, coleslaw, applesauce, roll, and dessert.

German Dinner Tickets: adult (10 & older) \$24, child (9 & under) \$12

A reminder that the November 2022 elections are approaching. Ballots will be mailed out to all registered voters on October 18. Every citizen has a civic duty and moral obligation to affect the election outcomes. As Christians, we have a responsibility to study the candidates and the issues and to pray and vote. Surprisingly, a significant number of Christians are not registered to vote. Governments either facilitate or hinder the advance of God's kingdom. Our votes count. The Bible teaches us to be salt and light. To do that we must protect the culture around us.

If you are not registered, I urge you to do so. The last day to register is October 18. On your computer browser, you can go to <http://sos.oregon.gov/voting> and select the "Register to Vote" button.

Men of Conviction

The Men of Conviction men's group, hosted at St. Edward, is launching a new 9-week series beginning October 10th, entitled "Living Joy" by Chris Stefanick of Real Life Catholic. The format of each meeting consists of a short engaging video followed by small group discussions. Men of all ages (including young men!) are encouraged to join for fellowship and to learn more about discovering true, lasting joy in our daily lives. The group meets Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm at St. Edward parish hall.

Social Outreach Report Garden of Hope



The Mission Statement of our St. Edward Parish states

"We gather in Charity to provide social outreach in our Works of Mercy."

The Garden of Hope is our tangible express of that outreach to the members of our North Plains community.

The very wet spring of 2022 was no deterrent to The Bobs - VanderZanden and Gutmann - as they started nearly all the vegetables in the Gutmann's greenhouse. They were given amazing assistance in seed variety selection by Scott Latham. The remaining summer and fall were hot and dry, perfect vegetable growing weather.

The garden expanded this year to 125,000 sq feet, with 2 kinds **each** of beans, eggplant, cucumber, and zucchini squash; 3 kinds **each** of onions and squash; 4 kinds of tomatoes; carrots, beets, celery, cabbage, broccoli, Swiss chard, turnips, leeks, scallions, kale, radishes, and 4 kinds of lettuce. Corn was planted 10 rows at a time, in 4 plantings.

Each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, Bob's pickup bed was filled with crates and bags and delivered to the North Plains Senior Center at 10 am where it was quickly (and thankfully) selected by the residents and neighbors of nearby multifamily buildings. Many new friends would be waiting at the Senior Center to help unload the vegetables and "shop" for produce.

Beginning in May, the volunteers planted the vegetable starts and hoed weeds. The vegetables were harvested all summer, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning at 8 am. Some days it was just Bob and Crystal and one or two others; other days there would be 4-5 helpers — a totally open volunteer opportunity as schedules allowed. Volunteers this summer were Dian Duyck, Bob & Carol Gutmann, Judy Hall, Becky Phillips, John & Jane Reding, Mary Spiering, Leah, Isaac & Emma Nussbaumer, and, of course, Bob & Crystal VanderZanden.

For more information and photographs, please visit the St. Edward website at www.stedwardnp.org.

Job Posting

POSITION: Maintenance Technician

St. Matthew Catholic Church and School is looking for a Maintenance Technician to help us keep our property in great working condition.

This position is full-time, non-exempt, and benefits eligible.

Primary Responsibilities:

1. Responsible for the maintenance of all building systems & structures
2. Ensures that parish & associated property is maintained in a clean & orderly manner
3. Maintains grounds in a clean, safe manner
4. Recruits & supervises volunteers for special projects such as painting
5. Maintains a cost effective inventory of expendable supplies for all buildings
6. First point of contact for all building systems & structures
7. Improve and maintain a system for control for keys & fobs

Minimum Qualifications:

- Three years' experience in building, grounds, and maintenance
- General knowledge of plumbing and electrical systems in a public facility as well as heating and boiler systems
- Proficient in use and care of maintenance equipment
- Must pass a background check

Physical Demands: While performing the duties of this job, the employee is required to stand, walk, stoop, talk, reach, sit, hear, handle & perform repetitive motions of the hands/wrists & feet. Lifts and moves items up to 50 pounds.

We offer an excellent benefits package. Qualified candidates, please send resume to Becky Smith, Business Manager, at bsmith@stmatthewhillsboro.org or fax to 503-648-4489.

American Red Cross Blood Drive St. Edward Catholic Church Parish Hall

Thursday, October 20, 2022
1:00-6:00 pm

To schedule your appointment or for more information, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: NorthPlainsComm.



American Red Cross