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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 2023-2026 (Chair) Leah Nussbaumer 2024-2027 (Vice Chair) Lisa Thompson 2022-2025 (Recorder) Patrick Weis 2023-2026 Charlie Lucas 2024-2027 Karen Kemper 2025-2028	<u>Confessions:</u> Saturday 4:30-5:15 pm or by appointment, call/text Fr. Michael 971-217-5335 or Fr. Augustus 971-392-8449. <u>Masses:</u> Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm Sunday Morning Mass 9:15 am Wednesday Morning Mass 9:00 am <u>Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</u> 1st Wednesday of the month, following 9:00 am Mass, closes at 7:00 pm
<u>Funeral Service</u> <i>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.</i> <u>Infant Baptism</u> <i>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.</i> <u>Matrimony</u> <i>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.</i>	<u>Parish Hall Use</u> <i>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.</i> <u>Mass Intentions</u> can normally be offered on Wednesday mornings and Saturday evenings. Please submit requests through the parish office. A suggested stipend is \$10. <u>Bulletin Announcements</u> <i>The deadline is 12:00 pm on Tuesday for the following Sunday. Call the parish office or email mail@stedwardnp.org.</i>

Dear Parishioners,

Mission Krewe 2025 in the Diocese of Calgary, Alberta is underway. This year, 28 teens and 5 adult chaperones from our three parishes of St. Edward, St. Francis of Assisi, and Visitation were joined by 6 teens and 2 adult chaperones from St. Martin de Porres parish in Boston, MA. This is the second year of our collaboration with each other after years of partnering with St. Margaret of Scotland parish in Hammond, LA. No longer is it a West meets the South, but rather a West-East Coast collaboration!

Nevertheless, for both groups, one coming from the Pacific and the other from the Atlantic, it is an opportunity to come together for a week-long service to those in need in the Diocese of Calgary. Many have inquired, why Calgary? During my studies at Mt. Angel Seminary, my dear friends from Calgary were Fr. Wilbert Chin Jon and John Hilton-O'Brien. Fr. Wilbert is currently the Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia and John, whom left seminary to pursue another vocation, that is, married life, both extended an invitation to assist their diocesan social outreach programs.

One such program hosted at St. Mary's Cathedral in Calgary is called "Feed the Hungry." Once a week on Sunday, the Cathedral Rector, Fr. Avi, arranges for meal service. The Cathedral parish center opens up for dining hall service from 12:30-4:00pm. Typically, it requires 47 volunteers to fill the following stations of hospitality: food/drink service, set up/clean up, dishwashing and garbage patrol. So, with our group of 41, they greatly appreciated and welcomed the manpower.

In preparation for this day of volunteering at the food kitchen, Fr. Avi arranged for the group to participate in a program called "Day in the Life" experience. The leaders from Mustard Seed hosted the group for a 30-minute orientation before separating them out into 7 groups of 5 with an adult chaperone and sent them off. Each group was given a list of tasks that needed to be accomplished of what a client who is displaced does from the time the shelter is closed, that is, 8:00am until it reopens again at 3:00pm. It is literally a "walking in the shoes of another" experience.

This "Day in the Life" program reminded me of the Portland Downtown Chapel, now St. Andre Bessette, which offered high school students the same experience. However, when I participated it was not a 6-hour period but rather a 5-day immersion. A few of my friends from Jesuit High School and I took the "Plunge" which is what the program was called in the early 1990's, "Portland Plunge." I remember accompanying a social worker visiting the various people living on the streets of Burnside, talking to them, handing out hygiene items and providing resources and guidance to the various social outreach centers.

It was such an eye-opening experience that prompted me to apply the next summer to the "Los Embajadores" program where a group of us incoming Jesuit High School seniors travelled down in a van to provide support and assistance in the housing project outside of Mexico City. My most vivid memory was upon arrival to the town that the very first people who greeted us were the children. When we started to hand out the soccer balls and other athletic/sporting equipment items we had purchased from G.I. Joe's, each child smiled from ear to ear.

I was absolutely amazed of how a soccer ball could bring so much joy for the children who found a way to play in a dirt field that was surrounded by broken down and abandoned cars. There were no lines nor even goal posts and nets, but just imaginary lines that the children just knew where the boundaries were. Don't get me wrong, there were quite a few disputes when the ball crossed the agreed sideline going out of bounds. But the simplicity of the joy of what a ball made out of leather and stitches could bring to children was very humbling or at least it gave me a better appreciation to what is really important and

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not important in life.

The work that we do in the Diocese of Calgary which will range from picking up litter, walking the streets of downtown Calgary and engaging those who are displaced, working to help a parish repaint pews/bleachers, serving in the food kitchen/pantry and homeless shelter. These corporal works of mercy afford each teen participant an opportunity to meet Christ the poor, the homeless, the abandoned, the lost, and Christ our neighbor in our midst.

On behalf of the Mission Krewe 2025 group, I want to personally thank the support these three parishes of St. Edward, St. Francis of Assisi, and Visitation have provided. I want to express my gratitude to all those who are friends of the parish, private donors and benefactors that have made it possible for such a life changing experience. This is the 10th Mission Krewe, and it is hard to believe that a decade of Christian discipleship and witness has become embedded in the formation and education of our young people here in North Plains, Roy, and Verboort.

Please continue to pray for the group as we will return home on Monday, June 30, 2025.

Blessings, ~Fr. Michael

This Week

Saturday, June 28th

No Women's Bible Study

Confessions 4:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, June 29th

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: RIP Agnes Mesenbrink

Monday, June 30th

Men of Conviction 7:00-8:30pm

Wednesday, July 2nd

Mass 9:00am

Intentions of Marilyn Ermatinger

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7:00pm

Friday, July 4th

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, July 5th

Women's Bible Study 10:00am at Visitation

Confessions 4:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: RIP Gene Spiering

Sunday, July 6th

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

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Pick of the Month

Fr. Michael's Pick:

"The Search" is a series that explores the journey between the event we call 'birth' and the one we call 'death.' Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination - a destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in-between? The questions are there.

And, the answers are too.

(Run Time: 7 episodes about 25-32 minutes each)

CYO Volleyball

Do you have a 3rd-8th grade boy who might be interested in CYO Fighting Dutch BOYS volleyball? If so, please contact Courtney Schaefer by the end of June to express interest or with further questions (503-314-7074 or courtneyschaefer@comcast.net).

Recycling

During the hall construction, please leave your bottles and cans on the front porch of the parish office. They will continue to be picked up for recycling and proceeds donated to the Mission Krewe.

Thank you for your donations!!

Vicariate Jubilee Year of Hope

There are no scheduled projects in June, July, and August. Look for information beginning September through December.

Offertory

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 6/21 & 6/22:	\$2451.00
Online total:	\$2841.28
Over/(Under):	\$919.28

Religious Education

Religious Education (Grades 1-5)

Enjoy the Summer. Registration for 2025-2026 opens August 18, 2025.

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8), High School (Grades 9-12) & Confirmation Preparation (Grades 7-12)

Enjoy the Summer. Registration for 2025-26 opens August 18, 2025.

Mission Krewe 2025

Please pray for our 28 teens and 5 adult chaperones for the successful completion and safe travels home.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Enjoy the Summer. Registration for 2025-2026 opens August 18, 2025.

All questions concerning Religious Education for Youth (grades 1-12) and Adult (OCIA) programs, please contact Tammy Scheenstra, 971-245-9913 or tammy.scheenstra@hotmail.com.

Notification of Sacraments for June

Baptism: *Scott Curtis Griffin*, child of Conor and Taylor Griffin (VanderZanden), baptized on June 4, 2025.

Funeral: *Ron Sohler* (January 9, 1941-May 18, 2025)
Funeral Mass and burial on June 7, 2025.

"Hoist Hope" Capital Campaign Phase II

Thank you to all for attending the groundbreaking event. It was very festive and successful. Check out the pictures on our parish website. Now we are ready to start the build. So, pardon our dust ... If you would like to donate to the project, please consider making a new pledge or reupping on an existing/completed pledge. Also, please consider this project in your annual RMD as every penny and dollar gets us closer to our goal as the total received so far is \$2,748,619.71 in cash donations and committed pledges over a 5-year period.

Starting June 2025, Five Star Builders will be fencing off the construction for safety and security. The Parish Hall will not be in use until projected completion date of Summer 2026. In the meantime, please be aware that only 34 parking spots including 2 ADA will be available in the parking lot at the front of the existing hall. Religious Education classes from 2025-2026 will be temporarily hosted at Visitation Convent.

Funeral receptions will be hosted at Visitation Parish Center. Our annual events and fundraisers such as Annual Parish Picnic (September 2025) and St. Edward Tea Benefit Fundraiser (April 2026) will be offsite. The Holiday Bazaar (December 2025) will be onsite but modified. More information will be forth coming as those event dates near. Although it will be an inconvenience for the year, it will be well worth it when the project is complete Summer 2026. For questions, please call the parish office at 503-647-2131 or www.stedwardnp.org.

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

Religious Education Catechist Positions

Our Religious Education (RE) program is seeking dedicated catechists to teach our **1st– and 3rd-grade students** for the upcoming academic year.

As a catechist, you'll help children grow in their understanding of God's love and Catholic teachings and create a welcoming and engaging environment for faith formation.

We're looking for individuals who are enthusiastic, patient, and committed to nurturing the spiritual development of our children. Prior teaching experience is a plus but not required - we provide training and support! Religious Education classes are September-May on Wednesdays from 4pm-5:15pm.

If you feel called to this rewarding ministry, please contact Tammy Scheenstra at 971-245-9913 or tammy.scheenstra@hotmail.com to learn more. Your gift of time and faith can make a lasting impact on our young parishioners.

Peter's Pence Collection

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo to be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

St. Mary's Catholic Church (Vernonia)

53rd Annual Quilt & Craft Fair

Save the dates: September 18-20, 2025 from 10am-4pm

If you are interested in selling quilts and/or crafts at this event, please contact us ASAP by email, mail or phone. Registration forms will only be sent upon request. Hurry - space is limited and all previous and new vendors are welcome!!

Not a vendor? You are invited to attend this splendid and colorful event ... many quilts & crafts will be available for purchase.

PO Box 312, 960 Missouri Avenue, Vernonia, OR 97064
503-429-8841 maryscatholicchurch@frontier.com

St. Alexander Church

Open Position: Religious Education

Responsible for the religious education and sacramental preparation of children, youth and adults, in English and Spanish.
Specific duties include:

- Leading/Supervising all religious education activities
 - Designing and implementing curriculum
- Recruiting, training, supporting and evaluating volunteers
- Supporting and accompanying students and their families
- Maintaining student records, calendars, book orders, etc.
- General responsibilities as a member of the parish staff

St. Alexander Catholic Church in Cornelius, Oregon is a vibrant faith community of approximately 1000 active families. We are 90% Hispanic and provide all ministerial services in English and Spanish. We also serve as a regional ministry hub for families and children with special needs.

The successful candidate will be Catholic, be bilingual in Spanish and English, have strong communication and organizational skills and be familiar with Church teaching and parish life. Bachelor's degree in theology or a related field preferred; 3-5 years of parish experience preferred. Position title and salary placement on the archdiocesan scale will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Full-time and benefits eligible. Open immediately.

For more information or to apply, contact Eva Alvarado, Business Manager, 503-359-0304 ext. 14,
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