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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.

<p>Parish Pastoral Council</p> <p>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</p>	<p><u>Confessions:</u></p> <p>Saturday 4:30-5:15 pm or by appointment, call/text Fr. Michael 971-217-5335 or Fr. Augustus 971-392-8449.</p> <p><u>Masses:</u></p> <p>Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm Sunday Morning Mass 9:15 am Wednesday Morning Mass 9:00 am</p> <p><u>Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</u></p> <p>1st Wednesday of the month, following 9:00 am Mass, closes at 7:00 pm</p>
<p><u>Funeral Service</u></p> <p><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></p> <p><u>Infant Baptism</u></p> <p><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></p> <p><u>Matrimony</u></p> <p><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></p>	<p><u>Parish Hall Use</u></p> <p><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></p> <p><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.</p> <p><u>Bulletin Announcements</u></p> <p><i>The deadline is 12:00 pm on Tuesday for the following Sunday. Call the parish office or email mail@stedwardnp.org.</i></p>

Dear Parishioners,

On Friday we celebrated the 4th of July, Independence Day. On that day, and every year in fact, we celebrate the birth of our nation, and we are encouraged to cherish in a very special way the many freedoms we enjoy in this country. These freedoms should never be taken for granted.

As Bishop Robert Barron recently expressed on his podcast, we live in difficult and uncertain times, and there is much division and conflict in our nation. Much of this division and conflict is reported in our various media outlets and social platforms. We also live in a society that over the years, unfortunately, has become more secular in its orientation.

Bishop Barron went further to state that sadly, there are those in our society who are attempting to undermine our trust and belief in God, and in the process are distorting our precious freedoms. For instance, as he pointed out, on our money bills we proclaim "In God We Trust." As disciples, and as citizens, we are invited to pray that this trust in God may be restored in our nation by our leaders.

For this reason, I am reminded by our School Learning Expectations (S.L.E.) which exhorts us to instill in our students and youth the values and principles of being "life-long learners, responsible citizens, and faith-filled Christ-centered followers." These are what we need to strengthen the moral foundation of our country, a moral foundation based on faith and trust in the Lord. There is also a need to reaffirm our commitment to truly make our country "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

This weekend, whether we are enjoying our freedom to worship in our church, recreate at the beach or campground, relax in our homes and backyard, or renew our spirit of competition by watching our kids or grandkids on the mound and field, let us always turn in gratitude.

Please join me in asking God to bestow His continual blessings upon us:

***God bless America and all nations of the earth.
Bless us with freedom, that none may be oppressed or
unjustly treated.
Bless us with prosperity, that all peoples might share abundantly
from the produce of the earth.
Bless us with responsibility, that we may share
your good creation.
Bless us with generosity, that the barriers between the haves and
have-nots may be broken down.
Bless us with caring, that we might reach out with love and
compassion to neighbors everywhere.
Bless us with faith, that we might believe you are creating a new
heaven and a new earth, where you will once more dwell in our
midst, wiping away our tears,
overcoming death and sorrow and pain.
Bless us with eternal life of your kingdom, where together with all
the peoples of the earth, we will dwell together in
peace and harmony and love. Amen.***

As we reflect on this prayer, and as we celebrate Independence Day, we are encouraged to take time to truly appreciate our faith and freedoms and to be thankful for the many blessings that the Lord has bestowed on us and on our nation.

Blessed 4th of July Weekend!

~Fr. Michael

This Week

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

Monday, July 7th

Men of Conviction 7:00-8:30pm

Wednesday, July 9th

Mass 9:00am

Intentions: RIP Martha Tadei

Saturday, July 12th

No Women's Bible Study

No Confession

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, July 13th

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: RIP Tom Vandehey

Confessions

Due to priest coverage at St. Anthony of Padua in Forest Grove on July 12, there will not be confessions heard at St. Edward prior to the Vigil Mass. There will be confession at Visitation at 4pm and St. Anthony also at 4pm.

Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collect \$532. Our contributions join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Leo in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peter's-pence.

Offertory

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 6/28 & 6/29:	\$3197.00
Online total:	\$900.28
Over/(Under):	(\$275.72)
Second collection for Peter's Pence:	\$532.00

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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:

"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)

Vicariate Jubilee Year of Hope

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

Save the Date!

September 13, 2025

You're invited to the Birthright of Hillsboro's 2nd Annual Gala Dinner at St. Matthew Catholic Church.

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

Calgary Mission Accomplished ... thank you for all your prayers and support. Now onto planning 2026!

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.**

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.

"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).

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

Let's have a Fun-in-the-Sun Day at Our Lady of Peace Retreat's Annual Family BBQ

11am-3pm

Dinner: 1/2 grilled chicken, pulled pork on a bun or hamburger/cheeseburger - all with baked beans, coleslaw, chips, corn on the cob, and watermelon (at the drive thru, mandarin oranges) for \$12.

Value meal: 1/2 grilled chicken, pulled pork on a bun or hamburger/cheeseburger and chips for \$8.

Cakes and pies, ice cream, root beer floats, cotton candy and snow cones available for purchase.

Door prizes & SWEEPSTAKES drawing: 1st prize \$1000, 2nd prize \$500, 3rd prize \$250.

Dine in or drive thru!

Find bargains at the Franciscan Store and Bookstore.

3600 SW 170th Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97003

For information and for SWEEPSTAKES tickets: 503-649-7127 or email sisters@olpretreat.org.



FOCUS

Hi, I'm Brooke Vandehey, a missionary with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students), a Catholic organization that serves college campuses across the country. We meet students in a pivotal time and invite them into a relationship with Jesus through genuine friendship, Bible studies, and mentorship. I know the impact personally - my own faith was reignited in college thanks to a FOCUS missionary who walked with me. Now I get to do the same, and it's one of the greatest joys of my life.

If you're interested in hearing more or being part of my support team, I'd love to connect with you!
Reach out to me at 503-313-1579 or email me at brooke.vandehey@focus.org. Blessings!