

# St. Edward Parish

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North Plains, Oregon  
July 13, 2025

## 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><b>Parish Pastoral Council</b></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><b><u>Confessions:</u></b></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><b><u>Masses:</u></b></p> <p>Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm Sunday Morning Mass 9:15 am Wednesday Morning Mass 9:00 am</p> <p><b><u>Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</u></b></p> <p>1st Wednesday of the month, following 9:00 am Mass, closes at 7:00 pm</p>
<p><b><u>Funeral Service</u></b></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><b><u>Infant Baptism</u></b></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><b><u>Matrimony</u></b></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><b><u>Parish Hall Use</u></b></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><b><u>Mass Intentions</u></b> can normally be offered on Wednesday mornings and Saturday evenings. Please submit requests through the parish office. A suggested stipend is \$10.</p> <p><b><u>Bulletin Announcements</u></b></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,

Enjoy this write up from one of our teens who participated in Mission Krewe 2025 as he reflects upon how his Mission experience captures the theme: “Hope does not disappoint” (Romans 5:5) during this Jubilee Year of Hope. ~ Fr. Michael

*One thing I've learned during this Mission Krewe is that things don't always go the way you expect it. You may come in with plans and high hopes and, suddenly, something interrupts them. Something goes wrong. Something doesn't feel fair. But that doesn't mean the day is lost. I once heard an analogy. If you had \$24,000 and someone stole \$1,000 or even \$3,000, would you throw the rest of the money away? Of course not. You'd still hold onto the \$21,000 you have left. Because that \$21,000 still holds value and, no matter what, you will work harder to compensate for the loss of the money that was taken away.*

*Now think about your day. You have 24 hours. If someone frustrates you, wastes your time, or things don't go your way for a few hours, why throw away the rest of the day? The truth is, setbacks don't ruin a mission. They refine it. Because Mission Krewe isn't just about perfect plans, it's about enduring the hard times together. When we think of Mission Krewe, we often think of helping others. Feeding the hungry. Doing yardwork. Praying for strangers. Small things that might seem ordinary, but when done with love, they become extraordinary.*

*As Mother Teresa once said: “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” And when we do those small things with the love of Christ, they become holy. They reflect the very words of Jesus in Matthew 25:35-40:*

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in...Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*

*This is the heart of Mission Krewe. Not just fixing problems but seeing people through the problems. Not just doing chores but restoring dignity and beauty. Not just checking off boxes, but becoming the hands and feet of Christ. Because Pope Francis once said, “You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works.” Prayer is powerful. But love in action, that's what brings prayer to life.*

*And when we serve side by side, something unexpected happens, we grow, we evolve, we change. We start to see each other differently. Because when you go through hard times together, the times when you're tired, sweaty, uncomfortable, and still showing up, you begin to bond in a real way. Not the surface kind of friendship, but the deep kind. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 says: “Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor. If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.”*

*That's what Mission Krewe does. It gives us sacred space to “help each other up.” To listen. To forgive. To laugh until we cry. To carry each other's burdens. And in those moments, in the mess, the beauty, and the exhaustion, we become more than a team. We become a family. St. Teresa of Avila once said: “Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which He looks compassion on this world.” When we serve together, we become His body. We become the answer to someone's prayer. And maybe even the answer to our own.*

*In John 17:21, Jesus prayed for us: “That they may all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I am in You.” This unity isn't just about shared work, it's about shared love. Pope Francis reminds us: “To change the world, we must be good to those who cannot repay us.” That's exactly what we've done here. We've shown up. We've loved without*

*Pastor's Notes (Continued)*

*expecting anything back. We've served not to feel good but to do good. Most of us stepped outside of our comfort zone and God met us there with open arms. And as we served others something sacred happened. We were changed too.*

*Mission Krewe isn't just about what we do, it's about who we become. The friendships formed in service are often deeper than those formed in ease. When we show up for each other, God shows up in us. So maybe the real Mission isn't just why we're here, but how God is shaping us through it: To be more generous, more humble, more united, and more like Him. And let's not forget what real friends are. The kind we form here isn't always easy. Proverbs 27:17 says “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” That kind of sharpening can spark but also hurt. But it makes both people stronger.*

*St. Aelred of Rievaulx, the patron saint of spiritual friendship, wrote: “Friendship is the guardian of love, the bond of peace, the medicine of life, the seal of harmony.” Friendship rooted in Christ is not always perfect but it will always be persistent. It stays, it forgives, and it grows. And in John 15:13, Jesus tells us: “Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.” That doesn't always mean dying but sometimes it just means sacrificing your comfort, your pride, or your time.*

*So, if friendship gets hard, don't give up. Talk. Pray. Listen. Love. Because the friends who walk through the rough patches with you are the ones God is using to making you more like Christ. And maybe that's the greatest Mission of all because it gives HOPE to others.*

*~Drew Duyck*

**This Week**

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*

Monday, July 14th

**Men of Conviction 7:00-8:30pm**

Wednesday, July 16th

**Mass 9:00am**

*Intentions of Dean Patrick*

Saturday, July 19th

**Women's Bible Study 10:00am at Visitation**

**Confession 4:30pm**

**Vigil Mass 5:30pm**

*Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward*

Sunday, July 20th

**Mass 9:15am**

*Intentions: RIP Pam Maxwell*

## 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 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.

## **Offertory**

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 7/5 & 7/6:	\$3050.00
Online total:	\$1557.53
Over/(Under):	\$234.53

## **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)**

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## **Exhibit of Icons**

Mount Angel Abbey Library  
July 1-31, 2025, Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm  
1 Abbey Drive, St. Benedict, Oregon 97373

## **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](mailto: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**

The groundbreaking created some excitement and new pledges from those who have been so supportive in the first phase and early stages of this Capital Campaign have re-upped with additional funds. We are over the \$3,000,000 mark. Please consider following in the dedication of these donors and offering a new pledge or modifying your existing pledge. Also, annual RMD donations is a source of consistent funding as each penny and dollar gets us closer to our goal of already received and pledged \$3,153,619.71.

The Parish Staff is working hard to complete the 2025-2026 calendar to highlight the upcoming events and activities which will be either at different locations or modified location on campus. It will be exciting when we will be able to return back into our newly expanded parish hall. For questions, please call the parish office at 503-647-2131 or [www.stedwardnp.org](http://www.stedwardnp.org).

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



**Be Refreshed this Summer at  
The EVENING LECTURE SERIES  
July 14-17, 2025  
Our Lady of Peace Retreat House  
"Who Do You Say That I Am?"**



**EVENING LECTURE SERIES @ 7:15-9:15 PM**

**Monday, July 14**



**Sr. M. Johanna  
Paruch, F.S.G.M., Ph.D.**  
*Professor of Theology*

Topic:  
"Mary, Our Model  
of the Obedience  
of Faith."

**Tuesday, July 15**



**Dr. Anthony Lilles, S.T.D.**  
*Professor of Spiritual Theology*

Topic:  
"Open Wide the  
Doors to Christ:  
Revisiting the Hope  
of Saint John Paul II"

**Wednesday, July 16**



**Fr. Dan Pattee, T.O.R.**  
*Pastor*

Topic:  
"What Difference  
Does Being  
a Catholic Make?"

**Thursday, July 17**



**Pia de Leon**  
*St. Clare Catholic Church*

Topic:  
"Jesus, the Community  
Organizer: Building the  
Kingdom of Love,  
Peace and Justice."

**Our Evening Lecture Series is part of the Annual Summer Institute  
hosted by the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows**

**Lecture fee: \$10 per lecture**

**Contact us for tuition rates, partial stay & commuter rates**

**Our Lady of Peace Retreat is located at:  
3600 SW 170th Ave., Beaverton, OR 97003**

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