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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,

July opens the parish's Youth in this Jubilee Year of Hope. I am blessed to assist our Pastoral staff in ministering to Middle School and High School youth programs. However, my passion is our Religious Education CCD Program for Grades 1-5!

During the 2024-2025 RE school year, students gathered for a final activity and prayer after class. One of the exciting activities that occurred in the past year was with our 5th Grade Catechist, Patrick Weis. Patrick is a St. Edward parishioner who has been teaching in the program for the past few years.

Patrick taught the students what Jesus said in Matthew 19:14, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Patrick instructed them that some adults thought of children as second-class citizens, to be kept quiet and out of the way of adults; but, not Jesus. Jesus makes it clear how incredibly special children are!

Even the apostles rebuked the parents trying to prevent the children from receiving Jesus' blessing. An epiphany moment was realizing that our Catholic religious education is all about discovering how much God loves us and how that love gives us hope daily - we're always welcome in His loving arms!

My second epiphany moment was seeing the students' parents lined up by the door to watch their children participate in the final activity and prayer. Once again, as in Matthew 19:14, these parents brought their children to the Lord through the parish's RE program. Thank you, parents, for your gift of Catholic Formation - a true source of Hope!

With that said, the RE CCD Program had two catechists who retired at the end of the year in May. I want to personally thank Dian Duyck and Diane Ramsperger for their many years of service in the program but more importantly, caring for our children.

On behalf of Fr. Michael, I would like to invite those to consider joining the team of catechists who truly invite the children to come to learn and forge a relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. We are looking for **1st- and 3rd-grade teachers** for the upcoming academic year of 2025-2026.

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 for 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 are interested or have any questions, please contact me at 971-245-9913 or tammy.scheenstra@hotmail.com to learn more. Your gift of time, talent, and faith can make a lasting difference.

With prayers,

Tammy Scheenstra
Pastoral Associate Admin/RE Director

Vicariate Jubilee Year of Hope

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

This Week

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

Monday, July 21st

Men of Conviction 7:00-8:30pm

Wednesday, July 23rd

Mass 9:00am

Intentions of Kathryn Magnuson Judge

Saturday, July 26th

Women's Bible Study 10:00am at Visitation

Confession 4:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: Thanksgiving Paes Family

Sunday, July 27th

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

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!

Offertory

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 7/12 & 7/13:	\$3271.00
Online total:	\$1545.28
Over/(Under):	\$443.28

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Pick of the Month

Fr. Michael's Pick:

"Summer with Saints Series: True Reformers"

*During these summer months, explore these six saints who were instrumental in responding to a Crisis in their time. St. Thomas More, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Philip Neri, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Teresa of Avila, and St. Francis de Sales give us witness and inspiration in how we can conduct ourselves.
(Run Time: 7 episodes about 40-45 minutes each)*

Exhibit of Icons

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

St. Edward Religious Education Scholarship

The recipient of the annual St. Edward Scholarship has been selected. The scholarship has been made available to parishioners who are attending a Catholic college or university. The 2025-2026 scholarship has been awarded to: **Eamon Doran** (Benedictine College). Please join the parish in congratulating Eamon on this special opportunity.

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)

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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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All questions concerning Religious Education for Youth (grades 1-12) and Adult (OCIA) programs, please contact Tammy Scheenstra at 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

**** Brief Update - Construction delay due to the permitting process from the city along with Clean Water Services changes. Redrafting and resubmittal were completed last week. Five Star Builders are ready to continue once permits can be issued. ~ Fr. Michael & Dick Vandehey**

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.

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