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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,

As I announced at the Thursday, July 10 weekday Mass at 8:00am in Verboort, at 9:00am Rome Time, Pope Leo XIV accepted the retirement of Bishop Liam Cary of the Diocese of Baker, our neighbor to the east and appointed Bishop-elect Thom Hennen from the Diocese of Davenport, Iowa. Bishop-elect Thom Hennen and I have a special connection as we both were sent to the Pontifical North American College in Rome to study and complete our priestly formation together in 2000 (affectionately called “New Men” Class of 2000).

Bishop-elect Thom and I both studied at the Pontifical Gregorian University and received our Sacred Theology degree June 2003. Then, on October 9, 2003, we both were ordained transitional deacons at St. Peter’s Basilica. However, he continued his studies at the L’Academia Alfonsiana in Rome for a Sacred Licentiate degree in Moral Theology and I returned for my 1-year internship year at St. John the Apostle in Oregon City.

After my pastoral year, I returned back to Rome to play catch up with him as I too enrolled at the L’Academia Alfonsiana to pursue Sacred Licentiate degree in Moral Theology. He was ordained a priest on July 10, 2004 which is why it was so meaningful that on July 10, 2025, 21 years later, he was appointed to the episcopate. Needless to say, his classmates and I are very excited for Bishop-elect Thom, and we cannot think of a better man of God and man of faith to replace Bishop Liam Cary to lead the people of God in the Diocese of Baker.

His episcopal ordination has been set for Monday, September 29, 2025 at St. Francis of Assisi church in Bend. Already a few of our classmates have reached out to me to see if I can provide some lodgings so they can make plans to cross the Cascades to attend. I shared with some of them, I have three parishes and three rectories so there is plenty of room. I am sure that as the date approaches, you will see and meet a few of us classmates from the New Men Class of 2000 visiting and catching up with each other and, of course, celebrating with one of our very own. Please begin to pray for Bishop-elect Thom Hennen and the people of God in the Diocese of Baker for their new shepherd.

Finally, below is a statement of welcome from Archbishop Sample.

Blessings,

Fr. Michael

Statement of Welcome from Archbishop Alexander K. Sample

It is with great joy that I welcome the news that Bishop-elect Thomas Hennen has been appointed the new Bishop of the Diocese of Baker. I am very grateful to Pope Leo for appointing this experienced and well-prepared shepherd for our neighboring diocese to the east here in the great State of Oregon. I look forward to working side by side with Bishop-elect Hennen for many years to come.

I am especially grateful for the faithful service of my brother and friend, Bishop Liam Cary, for his more than 13-year service as the Bishop of Baker. As a priest-son of the Archdiocese of Portland, we are particularly proud of his fruitful and spirit led ministry. I wish him many more happy years as he continues to serve in a new capacity.

As Metropolitan Archbishop of the Province of Portland, I join with my brother bishops from Oregon, Idaho and Montana in welcoming our new brother, Bishop-elect Hennen, to our fraternal communion.

This Week

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

Monday, July 28th

Men of Conviction 7:00-8:30pm

Wednesday, July 30th

Mass 9:00am

Intentions: RIP Pam Tadei

Saturday, August 2nd

Women’s Bible Study 10:00am at Visitation

Confession 4:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, August 3rd

Mass 9:15am

Intentions of Dick and Nancy Vandehey

Notification of Sacraments for July

Baptism: **Olive Nico Aguila McEntee**, child of Nico and Effie McEntee (Aquila), baptized on July 13, 2025.

Marriage: **Lucas Settle and Sydney Hoffman** married on July 23, 2025.

Fr. Augustus’ Vacation

Fr. Augustus will be away from July 25 to August 15 on vacation. Please keep him in your prayers during his time of physical and spiritual renewal. During his vacation, please note the streamlined weekday Mass schedule for all three parishes.

Offertory

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 7/19 & 7/20:	\$2195.00
Online total:	\$2971.28
Over/(Under):	\$793.28

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Pick of the Month

Fr. Michael's Pick:

*"The Way of St. James (El Camino de Santiago)" is a series on Formed that follows three friends who set out on the Camino de Santiago, not just for adventure but to seek God in the ordinary and unknown. This documentary-style series follows them as they navigate the twists and turns of the Camino's ancient paths wrestling with questions of faith, purpose, and calling.
(Run Time: multiple episodes)*

Vicariate Jubilee Year of Hope

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

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 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

Update: Construction delay is due to final permits from City of North Plains from a CWS (Clean Water Services) change. The redrafting and resubmission of the CWS change is being processed and, once approved, the east wall of the parish hall will be removed and secured to begin construction. Thanks for your patience.

We are over the \$3,000,000 mark. Please consider in following 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 \$3,114,914.40.

2025-2026 calendar for Parish events is completed and is posted on the parish website. We are excited 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).