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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,

August is here, and I hope you and your family have some family time during the summer. On this first weekend of August, we are moving to the last month before the start of the parish and school year with all the Religious Education programs and such.

A friendly reminder, as it is our custom, on the Solemnity of the Assumption, August 15, our letter and schedule to parents for the various programs of CCD, Middle School Youth Group, High School Youth Group, and Confirmation Preparation will be released. This year, registration is open on Monday, August 18 so please look for the hard copy of the letter or download it online when it is available.

However, the first feast in the month of August is the Transfiguration. This year, it will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 6. The Transfiguration of Jesus is an event in which Jesus is transfigured and becomes radiant in glory in the presence of the three Apostles - Peter, James and John.

To God, the Transfiguration reveals the mystery of God's world - that is, He is full of glory. Where there is God, there is power and glory. To the apostles, it is a gift to support and to prepare them for the ordeal of Jesus' death. It is meant "to strengthen their faith on that day of trial, so that remembering Jesus' glory on the mountain they could endure his death with hope for the resurrection. And yet the scandal of the Cross was too much for them until Jesus had actually risen from the dead."

When we look back at the Transfiguration, we celebrate it with the same hope and strength that the Transfiguration continues to inspire us to overcome our daily life trials and sufferings. That is, with God and in Him, nothing of this earth can hold us back, even our own death. Physical death is just a transformation from sadness or loss to eternal life in Jesus in heaven.

And this transformation prompts us to look up on high towards the heavens. As people of faith, we are called to help not only our spouses, but our family members, friends and others to get to heaven. This is only accomplished by the witness of our faith, but more importantly the sharing of the faith by ensuring that we attend Mass and we study and pray daily.

We each must devote ourselves to a spiritual regimen that is grounded in participation of the sacraments, prayer, service work, and personal study and enrichment. My hope and prayer is that we use this month of August to not only relax and rest, but also begin our planning for the upcoming year of how we can feed our mind, body, and soul spiritually.

Please note that the parish and school staff at all three parishes and schools have completed our planning, and this weekend on all the parish websites, the 2025-26 Parish Calendar with school-related events is posted. It provides all of us the opportunity to look ahead, but more importantly, plan ahead especially when things are a bit slower this month. So, when September does roll around and the busyness of life restarts again, we will all be ready to take advantage of the ample opportunities afforded throughout the year to feed ourselves through the Sacramental life of the church, prayer and devotion, service for the Gospel through the corporal works of mercy, and knowledge of the faith in formation classes.

Blessings,

Fr. Michael

This Week

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

Monday, August 4th

Men of Conviction 7:00-8:30pm

Wednesday, August 6th

Mass 9:00am

Intentions of Catherine Sohler

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7:00pm

Saturday, August 9th

Women's Bible Study 10:00am at Visitation

Confession 4:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: RIP Bev Perkins

Sunday, August 10th

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

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.

Monday, August 4 - 8:00am Visitation

Tuesday, August 5 - 8:00am Visitation

Wednesday, August 6 - 8:00am St. Francis, 9:00am St. Edward

Thursday, August 7 - 8:00am St. Francis

Friday, August 8 - 8:00am Visitation

Tuesday, August 12 - 8:00am Visitation

Wednesday, August 13 - 8:00am St. Francis, 9:00am St. Edward

Thursday, August 14 - 8:00am St. Francis,
5:30pm St. Edward (Vigil Solemnity of the Assumption)

Friday, August 15 - 8:00am St. Francis, 9:00am St. Edward,
7:00pm Visitation (Solemnity of the Assumption)

Offertory

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal: \$4373.00

Offertory total for 7/26 & 7/27: \$3816.00

Online total: \$1368.16

Over/(Under): \$811.16

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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 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.



walking with purpose

22 Week Small Group Adult Women's Bible Study

Location: Visitation Parish Center

Open to all adult women from any of the three parishes (St. Edward, Visitation, and St. Francis of Assisi)

10am on Saturdays (Schedule as of July 26, 2025)

10am, Saturday, August 2 (Lesson 11, What Does the Sacrament of Penance Have to Do with My Friendship with Christ?)

10am, Saturday, August 9 (Lesson 12, What Does the Eucharist Have to Do with My Friendship with Christ?)

10am, Saturday, August 16 (Lesson 13, How Can I Conquer My Fears?)

10am, Saturday, August 23 (Lesson 14, Connect Coffee Talk: Marriage - Transformed by Grace)

10am, Saturday, August 30 (Lesson 15, What is the Role of Suffering In My Life?)

10am, Saturday, September 6 (Lesson 16, What Does Mary Have to Do with My Relationship with Christ?)

10am, Saturday, September 13 (Lesson 17, Can God Really Change Me or Is That Just Wishful Thinking?)

10am, Saturday, September 20 (Lesson 18, Connect Coffee Talk: Children - Reaching Your Child's Heart)

10am, Saturday, September 27 - - - NO BIBLE STUDY

10am, Saturday, October 4 (Lesson 19, What Challenges Will I Face in My Efforts to Follow Jesus More Closely)

10am, Saturday, October 11 (Lesson 20, What Is the Relevance of the Church in My Life?)

10am, Saturday, October 18 (Lesson 21, How Do I Read the Bible in a Meaningful Way?)

10am Saturday, October 25 (Lesson 22, Connect Coffee Talk: Outside Activities - Set the World on Fire)

"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 \$3,153,619.71.

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).