

St. Edward Parish

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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.

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

Dear Parishioners,

This upcoming week, Friday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption which is a holy day of obligation. Now, we might wonder what this has to do with us. The answer is simple, that is, whatever God has done for Mary, God has done and will do for us. As Mary was conceived without original sin, and in the waters of baptism, we too are cleansed of original sin.

Mary brought Jesus into the world, and in the anointing with sacred chrism, we are commissioned to bring Christ into the world by what we say and do. And, finally, as Mary was assumed into heaven, we long for the same destination of being with God in heaven.

In the Gospel for the Solemnity of the Assumption, we hear Mary's great prayer of thanksgiving (Luke 1:46-47) which is affectionately called the *Magnificat*. It is a prayer that we are invited to make our own: "Our souls proclaim the greatness of the Lord. Our Spirits rejoice in God our Savior."

When I was in my first parochial assignment at Sacred Heart Parish in Medford, there was a retired priest in residence by the name of Fr. Carmelo. He was a seasoned priest who was full of wisdom and practical pastoral knowledge. He was a kind of priest who had the heart of the Good Shepherd especially in how he always focused on getting the people to heaven.

I remember during one conversation of picking his mind of how to be a good and holy priest, he shared with me that he wanted the *Magnificat*, the prayer of Mary, to be read at his funeral. He was afraid that whoever preached at his funeral would canonize him and he wanted none of that. Rather, what he wanted people to remember was what Mary wanted people to remember, that is, "The Mighty one has done great things for me, and holy is his name" (Luke 1:49).

Mary takes no credit for anything and instead points to what God has done for her. Fr. Carmelo wanted to be remembered for what God had done for him, not for what he had done. Every evening, clergy and religious recite the *Magnificat* during Vespers. And every time I pray the *Magnificat*, I remember Fr. Carmelo's words and how we should always focus on what Mary did, proclaim the great things God has done in my life.

So, I invite you all, to join me this Thursday evening or Friday to celebrate joyfully the great things God has done for us, for these three parishes, for this Archdiocese, our nation, the world and the Universal Church.

The Mass Schedule offered are the following:

Thursday, August 14 - Vigil Mass 5:30pm St. Edward
Friday, August 15 - Mass 8:00am St. Francis of Assisi,
9:00am St. Edward, 7:00pm Visitation

Our Blessed Lady, assumed into heaven, *pray for us!*

Blessings,

~Fr. Michael

Offertory

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 8/2 & 8/3:	\$3304.00
Online total:	\$780.28
Over/(Under):	(\$288.72)

This Week

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

Monday, August 11th

Men of Conviction 7:00-8:30pm

Wednesday, August 13th

Mass 9:00am
Intentions: RIP Frank Herinckx

Thursday, August 14th (Vigil Solemnity of the Assumption)

Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Intentions: RIP Marvin Nussbaumer

Friday, August 15th (Solemnity of the Assumption)

Mass 9:00am
Intentions: RIP Shirley Tadei

Saturday, August 16th

Women's Bible Study 10:00am at Visitation
Confession 4:30pm
Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, August 17th

Mass 9:15am
Intentions of Vijaya and Kumuri Rayi

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.

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)

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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)

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 2026

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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.

About Religious Education - Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)

We support families with children grades 1-5 who are homeschooled, in public or non-parochial schools, and those in Catholic schools seeking additional faith formation. Sacramental preparation, particularly First Reconciliation and First Communion, is a core component of this program beginning with 1st grade. Students may receive First Reconciliation and First Communion beginning at age 7 and who are prepared to receive the Sacraments. For the 2025-2026 school year, we will have RE classes on **Wednesdays from 4:00-5:15pm** at the **Visitation Convent**. A homeschooled CCD program is also available requiring regular check-ins with Catechists and Fr. Michael. Our CCD program also offers family faith formation and practice sessions for each sacrament. First Reconciliation is completed in March, and First Communion is in April or May, depending on the parish where the CCD student receives First Communion.

Who can participate? Families who wish to participate in First Sacraments should be practicing Catholics (regularly attend Sunday Mass). Children should be in grades 1-5, and have received the Sacrament of Baptism. Registration for Religious Education Programs opens on **August 18, 2025**. Information will be available on the parish websites when registration opens.

Vicariate Jubilee Year of Hope

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

Bottles & Cans Collection

The bottles and cans continue to be collected for Mission Krewe. Rather than leaving them by the parish hall, please leave them in the garbage can in the flower bed next to the parish office steps.
Thank you for your generosity!

"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).