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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,

Continuing with a submission from a parishioner on this Jubilee Year of Hope, the month of August recognizes young adults. This month's submission comes from Alex and Libby Funk (Hertel). I cannot think of a better couple than Alex and Libby who were both in my first 8th grade class that I graduated in 2012. Alex was attending Visitation Catholic school and Libby was attending St. Francis of Assisi Catholic school.

They both played CYO basketball and travelled to the annual St. Paul Basketball Tournament of Excellence in Eugene. Although I was an assistant coach on Alex's 8th grade boys basketball team, I hope that a few of my coaching tips on how to play the post was absorbed by Libby too. Both Alex and Libby were participants in High School Youth Group and the early days of Mission Krewe. It was actually a Mission Krewe hosted in Oregon that their friendship and relationship blossomed.

Eventually, graduating from Forest Grove High School, both headed off to college (Alex to Portland State and Libby to Bemidji State in Minnesota). They continued to keep in touch and remain close and supportive friends. It was not a big shocker that eventually they became a couple and later decided to marry. I was blessed to be able to prepare them for the sacrament of Holy Matrimony and officiated at their wedding on September 18, 2021. I baptized their first child, Theo, on April 28, 2024 and now they are expecting their second child this January/February 2026.

As young adults, they both returned back to the High School Youth Group program as Core Team members and adult chaperones on the Mission Krewe Service Trips. They are examples of how important it is to engage our young people in the faith so that as they mature into adults, they continue to witness the faith in their marriage and family life. Below is a reflection from a young couple and family on Hope.

Enjoy the read! ~ Fr. Michael

As we celebrate this Jubilee Year of Hope, I'd like to share how our faith community has impacted my life with many blessings. Both our church and school have played an instrumental role in shaping my life, providing me with a source of hope, strength, and a sense of purpose. I attended Visitation Catholic School for all eight years of grade school, where I developed lasting friendships and a solid foundation in faith.

Those formative years instilled in me values such as service, community, and integrity that continue to guide my life today. Even now, my involvement in the school community has not ended; I coach our CYO basketball team, which allows me to give back to the school by sharing the lessons I learned with the next generation in hope that they too will one day get to share their talents.

As with many of you, I have also volunteered for numerous events and am currently serving as a core team leader for the youth group and chaperoned Mission Krewe service trips. In this role, I help guide and mentor younger members, just as I was guided during my own youth group years.

Our parish has been a constant source of hope in my life, especially now as a husband and father. Being involved in both our church and school communities has helped me grow spiritually and has been a model for how I want to raise my son.

Both our church and school are more than just places for education, worship and service; they are lifelines that provide us with direction and purpose. They have equipped me with the tools to be a better husband, father, and leader, and continue to be a source of hope for my family and me. I am forever grateful for their impact.

May God Bless, Alex and Libby Funk and Family

This Week

Saturday, August 23rd

Women's Bible Study 10:00am at Visitation

Confession 4:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions of Kathy Juenemann

Sunday, August 24th

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Monday, August 25th

Men of Conviction 7:00-8:30pm

Wednesday, August 27th

Mass 9:00am

Intentions: RIP Pete Tadei

Saturday, August 30th

Women's Bible Study 10:00am at Visitation

Confession 4:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, August 31st

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: RIP Kathie Thomas

Vicariate Jubilee Year of Hope

For the month of September, Visitation Church is sponsoring "give Drink to the Thirsty." Visitation will be collecting cases of water, sports drinks, and juice boxes to be donated to local food pantries. You can also make a donation to Visitation Church (memo: Give Drink to the Thirsty Project) and funds will go to support Birthright of Hillsboro for baby formula and Community Action Agency for utility assistance.

Parish Pastoral Council members will be available in front of the church to receive donated water, sports drinks, and juice box items Saturday 4-5pm and Sunday 9-10am on September 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, and 27-28. For questions, please contact Ben Stadelman, Parish Pastoral Council Chair, 503-836-6091 or benstadelman@gmail.com.

Offertory

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 8/16 & 8/17:	\$4257.00
Online total:	\$621.28
Over/(Under):	\$505.28

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Pick of the Month

Fr. Michael's Pick:

"An Ordinary Martyr, the Life and Death of Blessed Stanley Rother" tells the story of a young man born into a devoted German Catholic family in the small farming town of Okarche, OK. His calling to the priesthood and missionary services led him to Guatemala where he would give his life for his people. This short film captures the heart, devotion and resolution of this modern-day saint.
(Run Time: 21 minutes)

Beautiful Birthright Gala

September 13, 2025

You're invited to Birthright of Hillsboro's 2nd Annual Gala Dinner!

*St. Matthew Catholic Church Parish Center
475 SE 3rd Avenue, Hillsboro, OR 97123*

Registration - 5:00pm
Dinner - 5:45pm

Guest speaker Makyra Williamson
Oregon Right to Life Community Outreach Director

\$80/person
Table of 8/\$600

*"It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and
the right of every child to be born."*

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact us at
503-648-6766, birthrightoregon@gmail.com, birthrightoregon.org.

Religious Education

Religious Education (Grades 1-5)

Registration for 2025-26 opens August 18, 2025. Please go online to the parish website for welcoming letter, registration form and schedule.

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8), High School (Grades 9-12) & Confirmation Preparation (Grades 7-12)

Registration for 2025-26 opens August 18, 2025. Please go online to the parish website for welcoming letter, registration form and schedule.

Mission Krewe 2026

TBA

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Registration for 2025-26 opens August 18, 2025. Please reach out to Fr. Michael at mvuky@yahoo.com or text 971-217-5335 for all inquiries and questions.

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.

Fall Sports

CYO Fighting Dutch is actively seeking 3rd-8th grade girls who are interested in playing volleyball. Season officially starts August 18th. Deadline to register is August 31st. Register at: <https://cyocamphoward.org/content/16651/FD-Volleyball>.

Interested in running cross country? Please email Shannon Sapp at shannonmsapp@gmail.com.

"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).



JOIN US FOR THE

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Sunday, September 7th

Mass at 11:00am in the church then followed by the picnic at Lakeview Farms.

The parish will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, condiments, and beverages. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

Table seating is available; however, it may be nice to bring your own lawn chair for comfortable seating while visiting.

**Lakeview Farms
32055 NW North Avenue
North Plains, OR 97133**

(driveway directly across the road from the North Plains Elementary school entrance)

