

# 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.

<p><b>Parish Pastoral Council</b></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><b><u>Confessions:</u></b></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><b><u>Masses:</u></b></p> <p>Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm Sunday Morning Mass 9:15 am Wednesday Morning Mass 9:00 am</p> <p><b><u>Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</u></b></p> <p>1st Wednesday of the month, following 9:00 am Mass, closes at 7:00 pm</p>
<p><b><u>Funeral Service</u></b></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><b><u>Infant Baptism</u></b></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><b><u>Matrimony</u></b></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><b><u>Parish Hall Use</u></b></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><b><u>Mass Intentions</u></b> can normally be offered on Wednesday mornings and Saturday evenings. Please submit requests through the parish office. A suggested stipend is \$10.</p> <p><b><u>Bulletin Announcements</u></b></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,

Recently, this article was forwarded amongst my priest classmates. Msgr. Roger Landry from the Diocese of Fall River, just returned home on a pilgrimage to Rome celebrating a gathering of close to half a million of our young people. He writes this reflection on how the virtue of hope must be exercised daily in order to create a good habit. Below is an excerpt from his article. Enjoy the read! ~ Fr. Michael

### ***“Growing in Hope this Jubilee”***

*Hope is a theological virtue, a moral muscle that helps us to relate to God. The Catechism describes it as the “theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit” (1817). It is, in other words, an infused power that helps us to desire God and to live with him now and forever, to trust in his promises especially in difficulty, and to rely on him rather than think we’re alone when confronting crushing hardships. The focus on eternal life, which Pope Benedict called our “great hope,” is an anchor for us when lesser hopes like health, worldly success, or cherished relationships, may seem lost.*

*As a moral muscle, however, hope must be exercised. The Jubilee of Hope is meant to help us to train and toughen that God-given spiritual muscle so that it is strong enough when the challenges arise. This happens through acts that strengthen our hope, since virtue is built by repeated virtuous acts. What are those acts that can help us grow in hope and help us help others, both young and old?*

*The first action is prayer. The very fact that God enters into dialogue with us is already a cause of hope. In our prayer, however, it’s important to ask God to strengthen our hope. It’s similarly helpful to meditate about the Lord’s passion, death and resurrection, which shows us God’s response to what seemed to be the most hopeless day in history. It’s likewise key to ponder the Last Things: the more we pray about the call to heaven, the more we will be sustained on the journey; and if we have suffered injustices, the reality of future judgment buoys us in hope that malefactors will not get away with it.*

*The second action is gratitude. God’s past goodness is a ground of trust in his present and future care. Third is participation in the sacraments, which are efficacious signs of the presence and action of God in life. The Sacrament of the Eucharist is a daily sign of just how much God will do for us and our salvation. The Sacrament of Confession is God’s great reset button by which he seeks to draw good even out of evil we’ve done. Fourth is patience. A fruit of the Holy Spirit, patient endurance sustains our hope, strengthens it as a way of life and leads to perseverance.*

*Fifth is sound teaching. St. Peter calls us always to be ready to give an explanation of the reason of our hope (1 Pet 3:15). Our hope is reasonable, but we must know the reason. That requires getting to know our faith better. In 2008, Pope Benedict said in New York, “only by ‘holding fast’ to sound teaching will we be able to respond to the challenges that confront us.” Sixth is action for the good. Just as those who in a minor depression can often improve by cleaning their house, running errands, and getting something accomplished, so spiritually every time we do something good for others, every time we make someone’s life or the world a little bit better, we grow in hope.*

*Seventh is devotion to Mary and the saints. Pope Francis wrote, “Hope finds its supreme witness in the Mother of God, “ who shows us that “hope is not naïve optimism but a gift of grace amid the realities of life.” That’s why she’s called Mater Spei, “Mother of Hope.” She retained hope when Herod’s assassins were on the loose, the Nazarenes in the synagogue tried to murder her Son, and especially on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. The saints are those*

*Pastor’s Notes (Continued)*

***who were heroic in hope - that’s what’s necessary for canonization - and through growing in friendship with them, especially the martyrs, we learn how to live by hope, even in the supreme tests.***

*In 1994, St. John Paul II gave a book-length interview entitled “Crossing the Threshold of Hope,” in which he stated, “It is very important to cross the threshold of hope, not to stop before it, but to let oneself be led.” Christ wants to lead us in his Church, through acts of hope, across that threshold. The Jubilee Doors in Rome, now open, are symbols of that threshold. In this holy year, we seek to cross it as pilgrims, spiritually and physically, and seek to bring as many people as we can, young and old, with us on that sacred passage, which is an image of the pilgrimage of life as the Church strives to cross the threshold of our “blessed hope,” the gates of the heavenly Jerusalem.*  
~Msgr. Landry

## **This Week**

Saturday, September 6th

**Women’s Bible Study** 10:00am at Visitation

**Confession** 4:30pm

**Vigil Mass** 5:30pm

*Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward*

Sunday, September 7th

**No 9:15am Mass Today**

**Mass** 11:00am

*Intentions: RIP Elizabeth Schmidt*

**Parish Picnic at Lakeview Farms following Mass**

**Middle School Youth Group Mass and Parent Meeting**  
6:00pm at Visitation

Monday, September 8th

**Men of Conviction** 7:00-8:30pm

Wednesday, September 10th

**Mass** 9:00am

*Intentions: RIP Bev Perkins*

**Religious Education (grades 1-5) Family Mass** 4:15pm in  
Visitation church

**Confirmation Preparation Candidate and Parent Meeting**  
6:00-6:30pm at Visitation Parish Center

Saturday, September 13th

**Women’s Bible Study** 10:00am at Visitation

**Confession** 4:30pm

**Vigil Mass** 5:30pm

*Intentions: RIP Tex Ermatinger*

Sunday, September 14th

**Mass** 9:15am

*Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward*

**High School Youth Group Mass and Parent Meeting**  
6:00pm at Visitation

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### **Pick of the Month**

Fr. Michael's Pick:

*"St. Thomas Aquinas: Catholic Saints"*

*St. Thomas Aquinas was given one of the greatest minds in history. He devoted his life to studying God and used his great intellect to write extensively on almost all theological topics. Not only did St. Thomas cover almost all of theology, but he also did it while maintaining theological accuracy. Sit down with Dr. Christopher Mooney and Taylor Kemp for an episode of Catholic Saints, where they dive into the life and witness of St. Thomas Aquinas. (Run Time: 22 minutes)*

### **St. Edward Parish Picnic**

Sunday, September 7th

Mass will be at 11:00am in the church. The picnic will immediately follow at Lakeview Farms (driveway directly across the road from North Plains Elementary). The parish will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, chips and beverages; please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. There will be table seating; however, bring a lawn chair for a more comfortable seat while visiting after lunch.

*\* Please note: there will not be Mass at 9:15am on Sunday, Sept. 7th!*

### **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](mailto:benstadelman@gmail.com).

## **Religious Education**

### **Religious Education (Grades 1-5)**

*Meets Wednesday 4:00-5:15pm at Visitation Convent. 1st meeting Wednesday, September 10 with Family Mass at 4:15pm in Visitation church. To register, please go online to the parish website.*

### **Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)**

*Welcoming Mass and Kick Off Sunday, September 7 at Visitation. Join us for Mass at 6:00pm with session following in Visitation Parish Center. Parent meeting will follow after the Mass. To register, please go online to the parish website.*

### **High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)**

*Welcoming Mass and Kick Off on Sunday, September 14 at Visitation. Join us for Mass at 6:00pm with session following in Visitation Parish Center. Parent meeting will follow after the Mass. To register, please go online to the parish website.*

### **Confirmation Preparation (Grades 7-12)**

*Candidate and Parent Meeting Wednesday, September 10 from 6:00-6:30pm at Visitation Parish Center. To register, please go online to the parish website.*

### **Mission Krewe 2026**

*St. Bernard Project St. Petersburg, FL Teen and Parent Meeting on Wednesday, September 24 from 6:00-6:30pm at Visitation Parish Center.*

### **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](mailto:mvuky@yahoo.com) or text 971-217-5335 for all inquiries and questions.*

### **Adult Faith Formation (Adults 18 or older)**

*Six Pack Series on the Epistles of St. Paul with Brian Meeuwssen. Meets 6 Thursdays from 6:00-7:30pm on 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, and 10/23 at Visitation Parish Center. Pizza, beer/wine, and beverages will be provided. Please bring your bible!*

**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](mailto:tammy.scheenstra@hotmail.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.stewardnp.org](http://www.stewardnp.org).

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

### Offertory

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 8/30 & 8/31:	\$6048.00
Online total:	\$1007.16
Over/(Under):	\$2682.16

### Cemetery Committee

There will be a Cemetery Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 16th at 6:30pm in the vestibule of the Church.

### Mark Your Calendars!

The first Dine Around Dinner for the season is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14th at Out Aza Blue Restaurant in Gales Creek. The Dine Around Dinners help raise funds for our Religious Education programs while guests enjoy fellowship over delicious cuisine. More information about the first dinner of the series to follow in the coming weeks.

### Knights of Columbus



Please join the Knights of Columbus for breakfast on Sunday, September 28th from 7:30am to 12:00pm at St. Matthew Parish Hall in Hillsboro.

Menu: Pancakes, ham, scrambled eggs, applesauce, milk, juice, coffee, and tea.

Adults \$10, children \$8, preschool free, immediate family \$30.

Proceeds to benefit the Hillsboro Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Program, Youth of St. Matthew Parish, and other Hillsboro Knights of Columbus charities. Hope to see you there!