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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,

Monday, September 15 marks the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. One of the less known Marian devotions is the Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows. Here is an explanation of this devotion provided by Catholic Culture.

Enjoy the read!

~Fr. Michael

The title, "Our Lady of Sorrows," was first given to Our Lady to recall her intense grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Gradually, the scope of this title was not limited to the sacred Passion and was extended to comprise "seven sorrows" of Mary, as foretold by the old prophet Simeon, while the child Jesus was presented in the Jerusalem temple.

This devotion is popular in the Catholic Church, many of whose faithful like to meditate on her Seven Sorrows, and there is a corresponding devotion to the Seven Joys of Mary. The Seven Sorrows are these:

1. *Simeon's Prophecy about the sword of sorrow (Lk 2:34-35);*
2. *The Flight of Joseph, Mary and Jesus into Egypt (Mt 2:13);*
3. *The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Lk 2:43-45);*
4. *Mary Meets Jesus on the Way to Calvary (Lk 23:26);*
5. *Jesus Dies on the Cross (John 19:25);*
6. *Mary Receives the Body of Jesus in Her Arms (Mt 27:57);*
7. *The Body of Jesus is Placed in the Tomb (John 19:40).*

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. Due to her feast day on September 15, the month of September has traditionally been set aside to honor Our Lady of Sorrows. All the sorrows of Mary (the prophecy of Simeon, the three days' loss, etc.) are merged in the supreme suffering at the Passion. In the Passion, Mary suffered a martyrdom of the heart because of Our Lord's torments and the greatness of her love for Him. "She it was," say Pope Pius XII, "who immune from all sin, personal or inherited, and ever more closely united with her Son, offered Him on Golgotha to the Eternal Father together with the holocaust of her maternal rights and motherly love. As a new Eve, she made this offering for all the children of Adam contaminated through his unhappy fall. Thus she, who was the mother of our Head according to the flesh, became by a new title of sorrow and glory the spiritual mother of all His members."

The faithful are encouraged to participate in this devotion because when someone we love suffers, we suffer along with them. The more we love someone, the more we suffer when they suffer. This is especially true of parents when their children suffer. When a son or daughter is suffering physically or emotionally or mentally, the parent is suffering just as much as their child is suffering, and sometimes even more so. You give your heart in love to someone and, invariably, it will be broken. There is no love without suffering. For this reason, this devotion teaches us when our own heart breaks because of love we can look to Our Lady of Sorrows as our inspiration and our support.

This Week

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

Monday, September 15th

Men of Conviction 7:00-8:30pm

Tuesday, September 16th

Cemetery Committee Meeting 6:30pm in vestibule of church

Wednesday, September 17th

Mass 9:00am

Intentions: RIP Marilyn Bernards

Religious Education Classes (grades 1-5) 4:00-5:15pm in Visitation convent

Thursday, September 18th

Six Pack Series with Brian Meeuwesen from 6:00-7:30pm at Visitation Parish Center

Saturday, September 20th

Women's Bible Study 10:00am at Visitation

Confession 4:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, September 21st

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: RIP Katherine Wilson

Middle School Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm at Visitation

Pardon Our Dust

Our Safety Grant Project of replacing the concrete pad at the front of the church will begin Monday, September 15 thru Thursday, September 18. Five Star Builders, our contractor, will be roping off the area for replacement and repair; please enter the church by the side door facing the Parish Rectory/Office.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Cemetery Committee

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

FORMED.ORG

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:

"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)

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.

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!

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.

Religious Education

Religious Education (Grades 1-5)

Meets Wednesday 4:00-5:15pm at Visitation Convent.

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)

Meets Sunday, September 21 at Visitation Parish Center from 6:00-7:30pm.

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)

1st Lesson on the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, September 20 at the 5:00pm Vigil Mass at Visitation church.

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 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.

"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.

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 9/6 & 9/7:	\$3225.00
Online total:	\$2129.91
Over/(Under):	\$981.91

Save the Date

Please join us for the 19th Annual, *Night of Heroes*,
St. Francis of Assisi School Auction on
Saturday, October 11, 2025.

Dinner provided by OutAzaBlue.

More details to come.

If you are interested in making a donation to the auction, please
contact Courtney Schaefer at 503-314-7074.

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. Reservations available beginning next weekend (September 20-21).

Upcoming Workshop

“Becoming a More Listening & Relational Church”

Dates: Tuesday, September 23 (English) and Tuesday, September 30 (Spanish)

Where: Fr. Bernard Youth Center, Mount Angel

Time: 6:00-8:30pm

Who: Any parish minister or volunteer

Cost: \$45/person (includes dinner)

All who work or volunteer in ministry are invited to an evening of fellowship, prayer, and learning! Danny Rauda, head of the Social Justice Ministry at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Tigard will be speaking on “Continuing the Synodal Way: Becoming a More Listening and Relational Church.”

Register at FBYC.info or call 503-845-4097 for more information.

THANK YOU!!

We would like to extend a huge amount of gratitude to the entire Cropp family for opening up your property for the 2025 parish picnic. The setting was absolutely perfect for a relaxing time to enjoy a delicious barbecue and fellowship with parishioners. We appreciate your time, your organizational expertise, and, of course, the beautiful setting. THANK YOU for everything!

