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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 year's theme for Middle School Youth Group is on "Lives of the Saints." In order to Kick Off the theme, we shared with the youth that during this time of year, many people enjoy adding some excitement to watching Fall Football by joining a Fantasy Football league. And part of participating is conducting a draft of players that round out their team that competes for points.

In the same milieu, the youth are invited to participate in a Fantasy Saint League where they would pick a team comprising of Catholic Saints who would be a powerhouse in living and sharing the Gospel. After dividing the youth into small groups, each group was given a list of potential picks. The list included bios of the Saints available and their specific spiritual strength in the form of a virtue. Each group had to rank their picks and, using that ranking, when it was their turn to make their draft selection, whichever saint was available and highest rank, they would pick.

The goal is that throughout the year, we will learn more of each Saint, but highlight what virtue the Saint lived out. As I shared with the youth, my first pick (if available) would be St. Maximilian Kolbe, the Polish Franciscan who lived out Jesus' words, there is no "greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). Not only did he lay down his life for a fellow inmate who was a husband and father, but he comforted and consoled the group of 10 including himself that was condemned to death by starvation. It was reported that he sang hymns, recited prayers, and blessed those fellow inmates and friends as they breathed their last breath. He was the last man standing before being martyred by lethal injection.

I share this with all of you on this Sunday, September 21 which is the Feast Day of St. Matthew. Since in our Tualatin Valley Vicariate, one of the seven parishes in our region is St. Matthew Catholic Church in Hillsboro. As Fr. Juan Jose Gonzales, MSPS, pastor of St. Matthew, is celebrating their patronal feast day, we join in praying for the St. Matthew Catholic Church and School community.

We also celebrate with the St. Matthew parish and school community by embodying their patron's virtue who sought conversion with Christ by accepting his invitation while sitting at his custom's post. We too, must have that virtue of humility to open our hearts to Christ who calls us to daily conversion. And for St. Matthew, when he responded to Jesus' invitation to "come follow me," it changed the course of his life as he was an eye witness to Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection.

After Jesus' death and resurrection, St. Matthew traveled to spread the message of the Good News. He applied the skills of his past life as a tax collector which required much attention to detail when it came to accounting. His meticulousness to such facts allowed him to focus on becoming an evangelist, recording all that Jesus preached, taught, and offered in word, deed, and miracle. He was the ideal person to recount Jesus' parables, sermons and lessons especially proclaimed at the Sermon on the Mount. His gospel serves as a testament that Jesus was not about rules, but rather about a new way of life.

St. Matthew the Evangelist is a great pick to form any fantasy Saint Team as the skillset of writing, recording and communicating Truth is essential to forming a well-rounded team of disciples, evangelists, and missionaries for the Church. I am sure that as we continue through this Middle School Youth Group year, each group will explain why their team of 5 Saints accomplishes this mission of our Baptismal call of striving towards holiness by sharing the Good News to our families, communities and world. Hopefully, the Lives of the Saints will inspire each youth that holiness is not a lofty ideal that is above their head but rather right in front of their noses.

Blessings,

~Fr. Michael

This Week

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

Monday, September 22nd

Men of Conviction 7:00-8:30pm

Wednesday, September 24th

Mass 9:00am

Intentions: RIP Derald Schmidt

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

Mission Krewe Informational Meeting 6:00pm at Visitation Parish Center

Thursday, September 25th

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

Saturday, September 27th

No Women's Bible Study

Confession 4:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: RIP Tex Ermatinger

Sunday, September 28th

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

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

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 Out.Aza.Blue.

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

Offertory

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 9/13 & 9/14:	\$2881.00
Online total:	\$620.28
Over/(Under):	(\$871.72)

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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)

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. 7/8th Grade Retreat October 3-4 at Twin Rocks in Rockaway Beach, \$125 registration fee due Monday, September 29 at the Visitation school office.

High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

Meets Sunday, September 28 at Visitation Parish Center from 6:00-7:30pm. Retreat October 3-5 at Twin Rocks in Rockaway Beach, \$140 registration fee due Monday, September 29 at the Visitation school office.

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. Confirmation retreat for 7/8th grade candidates \$125 fee for October 3-4 and 9th grade and older candidates \$140 for October 3-5 at Twin Rocks in Rockaway Beach due Monday, September 29 at the Visitation school office. All candidates must attend.

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 9/25, 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 \$3,157,454.71.

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).



DINE AROUND

A RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUNDRAISER

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

HAPPY HOUR 5:30PM

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57625 NW WILSON RIVER HWY
GALES CREEK, OR 97117

BEVERAGES - ONE BEER OR GLASS OF WINE

APPETIZERS - BACON WRAPPED DATES, SHRIMP COCKTAIL, SPINACH ARTICHOKE STROMBOLI

SALAD - GREEK SALAD

ENTRÉE - CHOICE OF SHORT RIB SHEPHERD'S PIE, CHICKEN PICCATA, GRILLED SALMON, OR

WILD MUSHROOM PASTA

DESSERT



RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE IN PERSON AT THE PARISH OFFICE TUESDAY-FRIDAY,
8:30AM-1:30PM OR BY CALLING 503-647-2131. COST IS \$125/PERSON.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT DUE BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH.