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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 style="text-align: center;">Parish Pastoral Council</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><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,

The month of October is designated Respect Life. It is our opportunity to focus on the Catholic Church's teaching on the Dignity of the Human Person. As we enter into this new month, I invite you to prepare with reading this message from

Most Reverend Daniel Thomas, Chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities. Also, included is a prayer that I encourage you to pray throughout the month of October and hopefully before the Blessed Sacrament.

Blessings,

~Fr. Michael

Respect Life Statement October 2025

With great joy we celebrate October as Respect Life Month amid the Church's Jubilee Year of Hope. This Jubilee Year "offers us the opportunity to appreciate anew, and with immense gratitude, the gift of the new life that we have received in Baptism, a life capable of transfiguring death's drama." The life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the foundation of our hope. Through Christ, our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious.

Yet, the daily headlines remind us of how desperately our world is thirsting for the hope that only God can provide. Every day we witness the overwhelming disregard for human life: through rising rates of abortion and assisted suicide; the killing of innocent school children, even at prayer; the mistreatment of our immigrant sisters and brothers as they endure an environment of aggression; and political and ideological violence inflicted against unsuspecting victims. These attacks threaten life precisely when it is most vulnerable and in need of protection.

Despite these realities, the gift of human life exists as a sign of hope to our world today, defying the powers of darkness and the culture of death. It is of the utmost importance that we work to ensure that every life, in every stage and circumstance, is protected in law.

Earlier this year, history was made when Planned Parenthood and other big abortion businesses were banned from receiving federal Medicaid dollars for one year. I thank Catholics across the country who have embraced a nationwide call to prayer for the end of all taxpayer funding of abortion centers, and I ask that we continue those prayers throughout the month of October.

This Jubilee Year we are challenged to be agents of hope to those whose hearts are burdened by trial, difficulty, or suffering, offering them the hope that comes from Christ Jesus alone. Walking with Moms in Need and Project Rachel Ministry are just two examples of how the Church continuously reaches out with love, compassion, and mercy to those most in need of a message of hope.

As we begin Respect Life Month, together we embrace the words of Pope Leo XIV, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today." Each of us is called to be a witness to the Gospel of Life, proclaiming in word and deed the innate goodness and dignity of every human person.

Pastor's Notes (continued)

Let us invoke the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life with this prayer:

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life - especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

This Week

Saturday, October 4th

Women's Bible Study 10:00am at Visitation Convent

Confession 4:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: RIP Bill Stadelman

Sunday, October 5th

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Monday, October 6th

Men of Conviction 7:00-8:30pm

Tuesday, October 7th

Altar Society Meeting 2:00pm

Wednesday, October 8th

Mass 9:00am

Intentions: RIP Maggie Engstrom

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

Thursday, October 9th

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

Saturday, October 11th

Women's Bible Study 10:00am at Visitation Convent

Confession 4:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, October 12th

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: Matilda Makombe Family Intentions

St. Edward Feast Day Celebration Coffee and rolls after Mass

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Pick of the Month

Fr. Michael's Pick:

"Pier Giorgio Frassati: If I didn't have love"

Learn more about our newest Canonized Saint. On September 7, Pope Leo elevated Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati to St. Pier Giorgio Frassati. Watch this classic Italian movie remastered and rereleased presenting the life of a handsome, athletic and fun-loving young man from a rich family who devoted his life to working with the poor, suffering and homeless. A true story that will inspire. (Run Time: 111 minutes)

Priest Convocation

Fr. Augustus will be gone from October 6-9, 2025 to Newport attending the Annual Clergy Priest Convocation. Please keep him and all the clergy of the Archdiocese of Portland in your prayers.

Vicariate Jubilee Year of Hope

For the month of October, St. Edward Church is sponsoring "Visit the Imprisoned." St. Edward will be collecting NEW card games/puzzles/board games to be donated to Monika's House (Domestic Violence Resource Center), Harkins House, Lifeworks NW, Sequoia Mental Health, Carol Altman Adult Foster Home (caring for brain injured residents), Washington County Juvenile Center and Mountaindale Recover Center for Women to replenish and restock inventory for family visiting rooms and recreational/game rooms. On the weekends of October 18/19 & 25/26 from Saturday 4:30-5:30pm and Sunday 8:00-9:00am, Parish Pastoral Council members will be available at the entrance of St. Edward to accept your donations.

Religious Education

Religious Education (Grades 1-5)

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

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)

7/8th Grade Retreat October 3-4 at Twin Rocks in Rockaway Beach. We depart from Visitation Parish Center on Friday, October 3 at 4:15pm and pick up is Saturday, October 4 at 3:00pm from same location.

High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

Retreat October 3-5 at Twin Rocks in Rockaway Beach. We depart from Visitation Parish Center on Friday, October 3 at 4:15pm and pick up Sunday, October 5 after the 10:30am Mass at St. Francis of Assisi.

Confirmation Preparation (Grades 7-12)

2nd Lesson on the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, October 18 at the 5:00pm Vigil Mass Visitation church.

Mission Krewe 2026

St. Bernard Project St. Petersburg, FL \$200 refundable deposit required to reserve a spot. For questions, please contact Fr. Michael.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

First class on Sunday, October 12 from 11:45am-12:30pm in St. Francis of Assisi church basement. Lesson on "What is Faith? Who are Catholics? What is the Mass?" 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 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.

Offertory

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 9/27 & 9/28:	\$2819.75
Online total:	\$1267.16
Over/(Under):	(\$286.09)

"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.stedwardnp.org.

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

St. Francis of Assisi School Auction

Get your tickets NOW to the 19th annual **Night of Heroes** St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School Auction!

Saturday, October 11th in the school basement

Doors open at 4:30pm - cost is \$60 per person and includes a catered dinner and dessert by OutAzaBlue, a bidder number and one beverage. This is a guaranteed great time!

Menu and ticket information can be found on the school website at www.sfa-roy.org (scroll to the bottom of the page).

Sneak peek at just a FEW of our live auction items:

- Bocce Ball and Beer with the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon
- Line Dancing Event at Oregon Fun
- 2-night stay in Cannon Beach at a charming Victorian style home - your stay also comes with \$100 at Fultano's pizza, \$100 at Suzy's Scoops Ice Cream and \$25 at Ecolas Seafood and Market
- A spectacular 4-night stay in Sunriver - comes with 8 unlimited SHARC passes
- Maple and Fir split firewood
- A full comprehensive orthodontic treatment for a teen (under 18 yrs) - donated by Dr. Tylor Brekke with Braces by Brekke in Hillsboro. Must be a new patient and not in treatment with another provider.
- Pair of courtside tickets to a Portland Trailblazer game
- A hand-crafted table made from the honey locust trees located by the old convent. Made by Joe and Tia Wren (wood milled by Joe).
- Trivia Night hosted by Fr. Michael
- Round of golf for 4 including carts at The Oregon Golf Club

If you have an item you would like to donate, please reach out to Courtney Schaefer at 503-314-7074.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Please join the Knights of Columbus for a pancake breakfast held in conjunction with the St. Francis of Assisi Holiday Bazaar from 8:30am to noon on November 9th in the school basement at St. Francis of Assisi School, 38975 NW Harrington Road in Roy. Menu is pancakes, ham, scrambled eggs, applesauce, milk, juice, coffee and tea. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children or \$30 for immediate family. Preschool children are free. Proceeds will go to the Knights annual Keep Christ in Christmas and RSVP (Vocation support) program. The youth group, who will be providing the service needs for the day, will also receive a percentage of the profit. Come join us for some good food and fraternity!

Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Drive

The Knights of Columbus Hillsboro Council 1634 invites you to join them in their ASAP program Baby Bottle Drive during the month of October, national Respect Life month. Members will be present at all Masses on October 4th and 5th to hand out baby bottles for you to take home and fill with your spare change. Bottles may be returned to the parish for pick up or at the Respect Life breakfast on October 26th at St. Matthew Parish Center. Proceeds from this fundraiser support Birthright Hillsboro, Saving Grace maternity house of Hillsboro and Fr. Taaffe Homes for pregnancy support services.



Verboort Sausage & Kraut Festival

The 91st Verboort Sausage & Kraut Festival is right around the corner on Saturday, November 1st. This annual festival is a fundraiser for our small Catholic Community and School where you can experience a full dinner with all-you-can-eat sausage & kraut in our dining room, Dutch Items Bazaar, family-friendly Bingo, a lively beer garden, purchase unique festival merchandise, and more. Our bazaar features handmade holiday décor, blankets, quilts, potholders and homemade baked goods and jams. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. Questions, contact Matt Crosby, Dinner Chair at 503-816-7546.