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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>

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AS OUR HOPE

St. Paul calls upon the Church in Colossae not to let themselves “drift away from the Hope promised by the Good News, which you have heard”, (Colossians 1:23). Paul instructs believers to continue in a firm faith, steadfast and not shifting from the hope of the Good News that has been proclaimed to all creation. There is a lot of hopelessness in today’s culture. Many people struggle with a sense of despondency. Paul is reminding us that the Gospel the Lord proclaimed gives us hope. Jesus has shown us by his Life, Death, and Resurrection that God is with us and for us, He is the Emmanuel, (God with us, Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23). He has assured us that nothing need come between us and God’s love for us, (Romans 8:38-39). He has demonstrated that God’s love is life-giving both in this earthly life and beyond it. God through Christ wants to enter a deeply personal relationship with us, a relationship that will endure beyond death. This good news gives us hope, even in our darkest moments.

Our faith is always a hope-filled faith. As Paul says, “Hope does not disappoint us because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us”, (Romans 5:5). The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete, our Advocate, the one who stands alongside us to defend us. The Lord stands alongside us to defend us, to strengthen us, in and through the Spirit. Hence, the love of God, experienced through the Holy Spirit, gives us confidence and hope that will not disappoint. However, because of hope, Mary accepted the will of God to be the Mother of Jesus, and declared herself the Handmaid of God, (Luke 1:38). She treasured and at the same time pondered on the extraordinary events surrounding Jesus’ birth in her heart, (Luke 2:19). Her hope in God did not disappoint her. Little wonder she was assumed body and soul into heaven viz, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is the Mother of all HOPE. My priestly ministry is dedicated to her as she was assumed body and soul into Heaven. Her Assumption is also my hope and the hope of all the faithful.

Therefore, the Dogma of Assumption (defined by Pope Pius XII in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* - the Most Bountiful God, on November 1, 1950) celebrates the Resurrection of our Mother Mary. In the order of the realization of the Divine Project for humanity (the project to unite or to be with God, both in body and soul, at the end of time, our Mother Mary was the first to be associated with the fullest realization of this project of God for humanity. In the Blessed Virgin Mary we see what we shall be like at the end of time when God will be all in all. Assumption is the total union of Blessed Virgin Mary with her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a sign of the perfect union with Christ, union in humility, mercy, forgiveness, love in thought and action. Our Mother Mary is a sign of full redemption of humanity, our hope. In our Mother Mary God demonstrates this promise of redeeming humanity.

THE LOGIC OF ASSUMPTION: Mary, the new Eve, is created “very good.” This implies that she is free from original sin (Immaculate Conception) and actual sin. Actual sin because the New Testament fulfillments are superior to Old Testament types and shadows. Raised above the influence of sin, she cannot be subject to the consequence of sin. As the Ark of the Old Covenant is made of incorruptible acacia wood and plated in and out with pure gold; the new Ark remains incorruptible. What is more, David, in his prophetic Psalm foretells the ascension of the Lord and the assumption of his Ark: “Arise, O Lord, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might” (Psalm 132:8). Jesus, the new Adam comes to undo the works of the enemy (1 Jn. 3:8). As the woman made Adam commit the first act of sin, Mary, the new woman made Jesus to perform the first miracle (John 2:1-11). As Adam and Eve shared in the curse of the original sin

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together, the new Adam and new Eve share the glory of new creation together. As Jesus is raised above the power of corruption and ascends into heaven, Mary follows suit, assumed into heaven. By implication, we shall follow where the forerunners of new creation have preceded us in glory. This is our HOPE. When we accept to do the will of God, our hope will not disappoint us just like Mary, the Mother of Christ.

As we are in the Month of October, the Month of Devotion to Mary, let us ask for her intercession through the Rosary, let us ask her to intercede for us through her son Jesus Christ to give hope and peace to the world bedeviled by despondency. Mary Mother of Hope and our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for us.

~Fr. Augustus

This Week

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

Monday, October 13th

Men of Conviction 7:00-8:30pm

Tuesday, October 14th

Dine Around Dinner at OutAzaBlue

Wednesday, October 15th

Mass 9:00am

Intentions: RIP Gladys Herinckx

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

Thursday, October 16th

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

Saturday, October 18th

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

Confession 4:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, October 19th

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: RIP Rita Nussbaumer

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

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Pick of the Month

Fr. Michael's Pick:

"What Catholics Believe About Work: Purpose, Dignity, and Vocation"

Join Fr. Nathan Cromley as he answers some of the Internet's most pressing questions about work. Is work as result of sin? How should I balance work and family life? What is the meaning of work? Find out the Catholic Church's answer to these questions.
(Run Time: 10 minutes)

Offertory

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 10/4 & 10/5:	\$5842.00
Online total:	\$1339.91
Over/(Under):	\$2808.91

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)

Meets on Sunday, October 19 from 6:00-7:30pm in the Visitation Parish Center.

High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

No meeting Sunday, October 12. Please pray for the Jansen and Schmidlin Family during the loss of Emily Jansen. Groundskeeping for the Verboort Dinner on Saturday, October 25 9:00am-12:00pm at Visitation church. Please bring gloves and a rake. Lunch will be served.

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 10/16, 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.

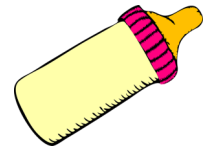
2025-2026 calendar for Parish events is completed and is posted on the parish website. We are excited when we will be able to return back into our newly expanded parish hall. For questions, please call the parish office at 503-647-2131 or www.stewardnp.org.

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

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.

St. Edward Country Christmas Festival 2025 "Downsized" Version

Due to the parish hall renovation, the Altar Society is planning on a "downsized" version of our annual Country Christmas Festival. This version will consist of wreath & centerpiece sales on Saturday, December 6th. The beautiful wreaths and centerpieces can also be ordered ahead of time by calling Crystal VanderZanden at 503-680-1640. The sale will be held in the church parking lot under a tent; punch and doughnuts will be served.

We will also be holding the raffle and are asking for raffle item donations. The items can either be left in the vestibule of the church or contact the parish office for more information. Tickets will be mailed to parishioners as well as available for purchase at the tent. The raffle will be held at 1:00pm on Saturday, December 6th.