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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,

This Religious Education year of 2025-26, the Middle School youth group is focusing on the theme of Sainthood. As I shared earlier, at one of the opening sessions with the youth, we conducted a Saints Draft. One of the options on the board was St. Tarcisius who is the patron saint of altar servers.

This weekend of November 15-16, as it is our custom, we will be commissioning our new altar servers. These new servers will be joining a group of altar servers who wear their blessed crosses with gems marking the years of service proudly.

Each altar server has their own cross that is worn for the serving of the Holy Eucharist as well as other liturgical functions such as Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction and Way of the Cross devotion during the season of Lent. Each cross has their name on it, the year that the server was commissioned, and gems marking years of ministry.

My hope is that each of our newly commissioned servers as well as all our current servers who are active embrace the love, dedication, and strength of St. Tarcisius who protected the Eucharist in the greatest service of offering his own life in sacrifice.

St. Tarcisius was an acolyte who received the Blessed Sacrament at the catacombs in Rome and was entrusted to take the Eucharist to the Christians awaiting martyrdom while in prison. While following his assigned mission, he was noticed for carrying and keeping an item with great care and protection. Once he was identified as a Christian, a mob tried to have him turn over the item which he refused. He protected the Eucharist while the mob beat him.

Another Christian came to his aid and while he was carried away to safety, he did not survive his bodily injuries and was buried in the Catacombs near the cemetery of St. Callistus. Later, his relics were moved to the church of San Silvestro in Capite. St. Tarcisius is a reminder for all of us, by the virtue of our baptism, we are all called to strive towards holiness no matter how old or young. We strive to defend, protect, and safeguard what has been entrusted to us in our faith.

Please join me in welcoming and congratulating these new altar servers commissioned this weekend:

2025 New Altar Server Class

St. Edward: Yvonne Anderson, Lucas Fisher, Felix Griffin, and Jameson Spiering

St. Francis of Assisi: Andrew Evans, Reese Gram, Isaac Gram, Brady Olson, Rosita Godfrey, Adele McCowan, Adira McCowan, Avalyn Lipscomb, Jameson Spiering, Walter Vandehey, and Lucas Fisher

Visitation: Brynn Post, Joseph Vance, Irene Duff, Asher Betit, Rocco Ferranti, Gwendolyn Douangmala, Jace Williams, Valentino Tello, Elynn Sanchez-Gonzalez, Samantha Moore, Samuel Moore, Paige Lederbrand, Jacob Pelster, and Brayden Kiriimi.

St. Tarcisius, pray for us!

Blessings,

~Fr. Michael

Offertory

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 11/8 & 11/9:	\$6232.99
Online total:	\$3228.53
Over/(Under):	\$5088.52

This Week

Saturday, November 15th

Confession 4:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, November 16th

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: Mary Usha Rai/Madhuri Kusuma Rai

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

Monday, November 17th

Men of Conviction 7:00-8:30pm

Wednesday, November 19th

Mass 9:00am

Intentions: RIP John & Maria Santos

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

Saturday, November 22nd

Confession 4:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: RIP Ron Sohler

Sunday, November 23rd

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

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

Vicariate Jubilee Year of Hope

For the month of November, St. Francis of Assisi is sponsoring the "Visit the Sick" project. We ask that you consider donating the following items: chapstick, hand lotion (unscented 10 oz), pairs of socks, protein bars, chocolate, monetary donation made payable to St. Francis of Assisi or donated online by going to www.sfaroyparish.org and using the QR code so we can purchase coffee gift cards. Our goal is to package 500 gift bags that will be given to care providers and care givers in our local care facilities, hospitals, hospice, assisted living and foster home staff. There are bins in the church vestibule to drop off items.

Thank you for your support.

In Memoriam Cards

In the month of November, we are invited to pray for our beloved deceased family and friends. At the entrance of church, there are *In Memoriam* cards that you may grab and take home to fill out up to 10 names of your beloved deceased. You are invited to place cards in the basket located at the foot of the altar.

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:

"The Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell"

This film presents the reality of death and what will follow for every person: first the particular Judgment before God, then Heaven or Hell as our destination for all eternity. The Catholic teaching on Purgatory is also explained given support from Sacred Scriptures and philosophy. (Run Time: 33 minutes)

Altar Society

The Altar Society is sponsoring a Rosary on KBVM-FM 88.3 Mater Dei Radio on Monday, November 17 at 6:30pm. The intention will be "Poor Souls." Please listen in and pray the Rosary with us.

St. Edward Country Christmas Festival

Wreath Crew

November 24th & 25th
December 1st & 2nd

8:30am-4:00pm

Please come to VanderZanden's greenhouse when you are able, and be prepared to have a little fun while making beautiful wreaths. Bring gloves and hand pruners if you have them.

If you are interested in purchasing a wreath before the parking lot sale on December 6th or have questions about wreath making, please call Jane Reding at 503-544-5956.

We look forward to working with you!

** In addition to the sale on Saturday, December 6th at the modified event, wreaths will also be for sale after Mass on Thanksgiving morning, after the Vigil Mass on Saturday, November 29th, and after the morning Mass on Sunday, November 30th.*

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, November 16 from 6:00-7:30pm in Visitation Parish Center.

High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

Meets Sunday, November 23 from 6:00-7:30pm in Visitation Parish Center.

Confirmation Preparation (Grades 7-12)

3rd Lesson on the Sacrament of Confirmation and Gifts of the Holy Spirit on Saturday, November 22 at the 5:00pm Vigil Mass Visitation church.

Mission Krewe 2026

Thank you to all those who supported the Knights of Columbus Breakfast Fundraiser for Youth Programs at the Roy Holiday Bazaar.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Meets Sunday, November 16 from 11:45am-12:30pm at St. Francis of Assisi church basement. Lesson on "4 Marks of the Church." Please reach out to Fr. Michael at mvuky@yahoo.com or 971-217-5335 for all inquiries and questions.

Adult Faith Formation (adults 18 or older)

Advent Session with Fr. Augustus on the Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. More information forthcoming.

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: With permits in hand, we have secured the construction site and will begin moving dirt and creating dust!

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.

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

November Food Drive

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. Matthew in Hillsboro notified us of a shortage on their shelves this month as there is a great need. As a parish community, we are responding to the call for this corporal work of mercy, and we are sponsoring a Canned Food Drive beginning November 14-27, 2025. Please bring your donations to the church and place in the bins located in the vestibule of the church.

St. Matthew's Annual Holiday Bazaar

Sunday, November 23, 7:30am-2:00pm

Handcrafted gift items, baked goods, jellies, candy, quilts, knitted and crocheted items, jewelry, glass work and more!!

Breakfast - coffee & doughnuts

Lunch - clam chowder or chili, roll and pie available for purchase

St. Matthew Parish Hall

Come Hold My Son

St. Matthew Parish Mission Concert

Daniel Oberreuter, the lead singer of the Catholic band The Thirsting, will present an Advent Mission Concert at St. Matthew Catholic Church on Sunday, December 7 at 7:00pm. He will share his personal testimony and deliver a powerful message on the Rosary, the Eucharist, and the Sacrament of Confession. Daniel has performed at World Youth Day 2016 and at hundreds of churches across the nation. Bring your family and friends to experience this opportunity for evangelization within your community. For more information, visit comeholdmyson.com.

A Journey Into Advent

Please join us beginning November 29 for a Walking With Purpose Small Group Adult Women's 5-week Advent Reflection.

Location: Visitation Convent

Open to all adult women at any of the three parishes (St. Edward, Visitation, St. Francis of Assisi).

House of Gold is a 5-week reflection on five beautiful Marian titles, each revealing the Blessed Mother's sacred role in drawing us closer to Jesus and making His love known. Each week, we will contemplate Mary as the first tabernacle and the first monstrance - the one who carried Christ and continues to lead us to Him.

Visit the website www.walkingwithpurpose.com to purchase the e-book (or you can purchase on Amazon): House of Gold: A Journey into Advent Devotional DIGITAL E-BOOK.

If you have any questions, please contact Debby at deboralovelace@outlook.com or 503-851-2546.

November 29, December 6, December 13, December 20, December 27 ... 10:00am in the Visitation Convent

Catholic High School Placement Tests

All 8th graders interested in applying to Catholic high schools for the 2026-27 school year should note that most of the schools require applicants to take a placement test. Applicants only need to take the (HSPT) test once and can have scores shared among schools. Please register for the test via the schools' admissions webpages.

Dates for the (HSPT) placements tests:

Jesuit High School: December 5 or December 6
La Salle Prep: December 6 or December 9
St. Mary's Academy: December 4 or December 6
Valley Catholic: December 5 or December 6

Central Catholic does not require a test for the application; offers a MAP test in Spring 2026.

De La Salle North offers the MAP test in January.

Our Lady of Peace Retreat

Wednesday, December 3

We are please to announce that our Retreat Master for this event is Rev. Niall O'Riordan, Pastor of St. Joseph the Worker.

Retreat from 9:00am-2:30pm. Doors open at 8:15am.
\$50 per person; includes lunch

To register, please phone the retreat house at 503-649-7127 or register online at www.olpretreat.org.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Tom and Jane Kindel who celebrated their 55th Anniversary on Saturday, November 15th.

Warm Clothing Drive

The parish will be gathering warm clothing (coats, hats, gloves and blankets) again this year for the poor and homeless. This year, however, the items will be donated to St. Matthew for their Jubilee Year of Hope project for December. The warm clothing drive will run until December 7. Please leave the warm items in the vestibule of the church. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!