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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,

As I shared with the school children, the thing I remember most about the Christmases in my childhood is our family gatherings. There was a rotation of which home that would host the family get-togethers with all my aunts, uncles, and cousins. We had so much fun eating, drinking, visiting and playing games. In my mind, one of the best things about Christmas is not only celebrating Jesus' birthday but the bond, connection and love of family.

This weekend as we just celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ on Thursday (December 25), we quickly follow it up with the Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. These two celebrations go hand in hand. The Christmas story of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ is a reminder to us all that God came to live among us, to be close to us, and to save us from our sins. Jesus gave us himself as a gift to us. It is a story that still rings true today.

As St. John wrote, "And the Word became Incarnate and dwelt among us," Jesus who is truly human and divine enters into human history. He is part of our human family. For this reason, He is close to us because he lives in our hearts where he continues to be a gift to us. Jesus does not keep us at a distance from Him. Because of His presence in each one of us, we are also present and connected to one another.

As we celebrate the Nativity of Jesus and the Holy Family, we remain eternally grateful to God for all the blessings, especially for the gifts of life, family, faith community, friends and neighbors. I want to take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely as you have been such a blessing to our parish by being active and supporting us with your gifts of time, talents and timely financial help. My special gratitude goes to all the volunteers in our different ministries who do such a wonderful job in serving the various needs of our parish with much enthusiasm and commitment.

I hope and pray that you will have a wonderful and blessed time during this Christmas Season. Together with Bishop Steiner, Fr. Augustus, Brian Meeuwse, and our parish and school staff members, I wish you all a blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God bless you abundantly during this Christmas Season as well as during the New Year. Merry Christmas!

Please join me in praying this Christmas Prayer blessing:

God, our Creator, we pray for joy in our hearts, hope in our God, love to forgive, and peace upon the earth. We ask for the salvation of all our family members and friends, and we pray for your blessings on all people.

Lord, fill us with the wonder of Blessed Virgin Mary, the obedience of St. Joseph, the song and the joy of the angels, the eagerness and gladness of the shepherds, the determination and the worship of the magi, and the peace of infant Jesus in the Manger.

*I pray for all the families of our Parish, your loved ones, especially in this season of Christmas. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit **bless** you all now and forever. Amen.*

God Bless you and your family this Christmas Season,
~Fr. Michael

Offertory

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 12/13 & 12/14:	\$2124.00
Online total:	\$2723.03
Over/(Under):	\$474.03

This Week

Saturday, December 27th

Women's Advent Reflection 10:00am Visitation Convent

Confession 4:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, December 28th

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: RIP Nolan Sohler

Monday, December 29th

Men of Conviction 7:00-8:30pm

Wednesday, December 31st

Mass 9:00am

Intentions: RIP Bill Stadelman

Vigil Mass 5:00pm

Intentions: RIP Jane Montes

Thursday, January 1st Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass 9:00am at St. Francis of Assisi and Visitation

Saturday, January 3rd

Confession 4:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: RIP Jackie Drinkwater

Sunday, January 4th

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

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

New Year's Liturgy Schedule

January 1, 2026 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a holy day of obligation. Mass schedule:

North Plains: 12/31 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Roy: 1/1 9:00am New Year's Day Mass
Verboort: 1/1 9:00am New Year's Day Mass

Notification of Sacraments for December

Funeral: *Vera Maria Gajdostik* (March 4, 1946-November 28, 2025)
Burial on December 22, 2025.

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Pick of the Month

Fr. Michael's Pick:

"God Made Man" by Fr. Shannon Collins.

In this Christmas-themed presentation, Fr. Shannon Collins sheds new light on the Biblical narratives of the birth of Jesus Christ, as well as the beautiful Christmas traditions of the Church. Fr. Collins serves as a preacher of parish missions and retreat master and has appeared on EWTN. (Run Time: 43 minutes)

St. Edward Country Christmas Festival

Thank you to all who participated in this year's "down-sized" event whether it was donating to the raffle, volunteering to create the beautiful wreaths and/or centerpieces, providing refreshments, and/or purchasing items/tickets. The bazaar was a huge success with the wreath and centerpiece sales and the raffle. The net proceeds from the event were \$11,822.44!! Thank you for your continued support of our holiday festival.

The Altar Society would also like to thank everyone for the generosity shown with the recent food drive. Over 2000 items were collected!! This DOUBLES our goal of 1000 items! THANK YOU for continuing to show such tremendous generosity for those in need.

150th Anniversary Book Limited Edition

As we conclude our 150th Anniversary of the Founding of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, we have produced 100 copies of a Limited Edition of a reprint of the 125th Anniversary Book with the addition of 25 new pages documenting Visitation's growth from 2000-2025. Books can be purchased for \$80. Please contact Donna Heesacker.

Religious Education

Religious Education (Grades 1-5)

No class on December 30. Enjoy New Year's!

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)

No meeting on December 28. Enjoy New Year's!

High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

No meeting on December 28. Enjoy New Year's!

Confirmation Preparation (Grades 7-12)

4th Lesson on the Eucharist Saturday, January 17 at the 5:00pm Vigil Mass at Visitation Church.

Mission Krewe 2026

Thank you to all those who supported the Christmas Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser!

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

No meeting on December 28. Enjoy New Year's! 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)

Save the Date! Lent Adult Faith Formation forthcoming in March 2026.

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

Pardon our dust! Construction is underway and the bills will need to be paid. Please consider in following the dedication of those donors and offering a new pledge or modifying your existing pledge. Also, annual RMD donations are a source of consistent funding as each penny and dollar gets us closer to our goal of already received and pledged \$3,250,594.71.

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