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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 Sunday, we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord. With this feast, we end the time of Christmas and begin Ordinary Time. At Christmas, Jesus manifests his deep love for humanity, which he comes to save with great love. This feast invites us to meditate on our Christian reality and baptismal commitment.

Through this sacrament, we become children of God and heirs of the kingdom of heaven. It is a day to meditate on this grace. At the same time, let us remember the day of our baptism and pray for the priest or deacon who baptized us. This feast is to meditate on this and much more especially the rich signs and symbols that remind us of family and belonging.

For this reason, I want to point some of them out and provide the text of the prayers so that you can reflect on your own baptism, the baptism of your children, and the importance of having children baptized in the faith of the Church. Finally, it is important to highlight how the Ritual of Baptism is seen in the funeral rite too.

Baptism with water: Baptism is conveyed under the sacramental sign of pouring water which symbolizes cleansing and accomplishes the remission of sins and adoption into the family of God. This is seen in the funeral rite when the casket is sprinkled with holy water.

Anointing after Baptism: The child who has just been baptized is anointed with the Oil of Catechumens while the celebrant says the following prayer. While not directly seen in the Funeral Liturgy, and not conveying exactly the same sign, nor the same grace, the Anointing of the Sick, which was hopefully received some time before death, is linked with the anointing after Baptism. *The God of power and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into His holy people. He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of His body, sharing everlasting life.*

Clothing with the White Garment: This is witnessed at the funeral by the white pall placed over the casket: *N., you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ. See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that unstained dignity into the everlasting life of heaven.*

Lighting of the baptism candle from the Paschal (Easter) Candle: This is witnessed at the funeral by the presence of the Paschal Candle in the sanctuary: *Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. They are to walk always as a child of the light. May they keep the flame of faith alive in their heart. When the Lord comes, may they go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.*

The Ephphetha Prayer (be opened): This prayer is recited while the celebrant makes the sign of the cross over the baby's ears and lips which indicates our desire for the child to grow up hearing the Word of God and learning to proclaim the Word of God. This is witnessed at the funeral liturgy by the presence of the body during the proclamation of the word. *The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the mute speak. May He soon touch your ears to receive His word, and your mouth to proclaim His faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father.*

As we renew our baptismal promises this weekend, may we be all reminded that Baptism cleanses us from original sin, is a gateway to the other sacraments that provide us the grace of Jesus' promise and assurance in eternal life at our earthly death.

Blessings,

~Fr. Michael

This Week

Saturday, January 10th

Confession 4:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, January 11th

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: RIP Julie Herinckx

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

Monday, January 12th

Men of Conviction 7:00-8:30pm

Wednesday, January 14th

Mass 9:00am

Intentions: RIP Manual & Maria Roderiques

Religious Education (grades 1-5) 4:15-5:15pm at Visitation

Saturday, January 17th

Confession 4:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: RIP Tex Ermatinger

Sunday, January 18th

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Annual Benefit Tea

There will be an Annual Benefit Tea meeting on January 20th at 7:00pm in the vestibule of the church. We need anyone that has a little (or a lot of) time to volunteer. The Tea is scheduled for Saturday, April 18 at 12:00pm at the Visitation Parish Center. Come get to know the wonderful ladies of our parish, and help a very deserving 1-year old boy!

Bar-Buffer-Bingo

Join us - Great Gatsby style - on Saturday, January 31st at 5pm for the exciting return of Bar-Buffer-Bingo at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School.. This is a 21+ event. Tickets are \$45. Price includes dinner, dessert, one beverage, and a bingo card. Tickets may be purchased by visiting the school website at www.sfa-roy.org. Only 150 tickets available so get yours now! Doors open at 5pm, dinner blessing at 5:30pm and bingo begins at 6:15pm.

Offertory

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 1/3 & 1/4:	\$3206.04
Online total:	\$780.28
Over/(Under):	(\$386.68)

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Pick of the Month

Fr. Michael's Pick:

"The Bible and Baptism" is a 6-episode book study with Dr. John Sehorn, Academic Dean of the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, discussing with Fr. Isaac Morales, OP about the significance of Jesus' own baptism and its connection to the Paschal Mystery. (Run Time: 6 episodes approximately 20 minutes each)

2025 Giving Tree

The 2025 St. Edward Giving Tree outreach served families from the local area recommended by counselors from North Plains Elementary and West Union Elementary schools. 13 families each received a \$300 PGE credit, and 16 families received \$100 Winco Family Friendly Gift Cards. In addition to 5 wrapped gifts for each child, each family also received hygiene, laundry, cleaning and paper supplies, and a food box from the Jesuit High School Alumni food drive.

The specific gifts each family requested for their children are really appreciated, followed by the PGE credit, as most families are behind on their bill by this time of year. Several years ago, we stopped purchasing food items in favor of the Winco gift cards, a change very welcomed by families as they could buy the particular items they wanted.

Thanks to everyone for their generosity of time and treasure to help these families share our prosperity and Christmas Joy!

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will be on break for January and will resume on February 21st. We will be studying the Old Testament using the Walking with Purpose study guide called "Beholding His Glory."

We will meet Saturdays at 10:00am in the Visitation Convent. This is a 9-week study. We will take the two Saturdays off during Holy Week.

Religious Education

Religious Education (Grades 1-5)

Class meets Wednesday from 4:15-5:15pm at Visitation Convent.

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)

No meeting Sunday, January 18. Enjoy MLK holiday!

High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

Meets Sunday, January 11 from 6:00-7:30pm at Visitation Parish Center.

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 St. Bernard Project, St. Petersburg, FL

SAVE the DATE! Sweetheart Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, February 15 from 8:30am-12:00pm at Visitation Parish Center. Menu and prices forthcoming.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Meets Sunday, January 11 from 11:45am-12:30pm. Lesson on the "Sacrament of Confirmation and Gifts of the Holy Spirit." 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 \$3,286,169.71.

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

Our Lady's Luncheon Tea & Silent Auction at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in honor of Our Lady of Champion **Sat., Feb. 7, 2026 - 11am-3pm**

All funds raised will be used to enhance our chapels and outdoor grounds, including new pew cushions for the Retreat House Chapel, kneelers for the Convent Chapel and for the construction of an outdoor Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary Garden.

11am Silent Auction opens

Noon - 3pm Luncheon & program

Join us for savories, sweets, tea & conviviality.

Bring your friends & family!

**Hosted by
The Franciscan Missionary Sisters
of Our Lady of Sorrows at
Our Lady of Peace Retreat House**

3600 SW 170th Ave., Beaverton, OR 97003



\$50 per person

Table for 6 \$300

Table for 8 \$400

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