

# St. Edward Parish

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North Plains, Oregon

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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;"><b>Parish Pastoral Council</b></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;"><b><u>Confessions:</u></b></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;"><b><u>Masses:</u></b></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;"><b><u>Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</u></b></p> <p>1st Wednesday of the month, following 9:00 am Mass, closes at 7:00 pm</p>
<p><b><u>Funeral Service</u></b></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><b><u>Infant Baptism</u></b></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><b><u>Matrimony</u></b></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><b><u>Parish Hall Use</u></b></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><b><u>Mass Intentions</u></b> can normally be offered on Wednesday mornings and Saturday evenings. Please submit requests through the parish office. A suggested stipend is \$10.</p> <p><b><u>Bulletin Announcements</u></b></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 1st Sunday of Lent is a significant event for our catechumens and candidates preparing for the Easter sacraments and full communion in the Catholic Church with the Order of Election. The Order of Election marks the final period of intense preparation called the Period of Purification. This year, our 9 catechumens and candidates in all three parishes will celebrate the Order of Sending in which they will gather at the 10:30am Sunday Mass at St. Francis of Assisi and, standing alongside their godparents/sponsors, will sign the Book of the Elect.

In the early Church, the catechumens who desire to be baptized would be presented to the bishop. The bishop would question, that is, scrutinize the catechumens and their godparents who are accompanying them regarding their readiness. Once the bishop deems the catechumens ready, he calls them to the Order of the Elect and he accepts them in their new status with the reception of the Book of Elect.

Historically speaking, prior to 1974, this ritual was celebrated in one's local parish. However, after 1974, the custom was to receive the newly Elect in the church presided over by the bishop which is called the Cathedral. The reason for this change is to provide the sense of the larger Church. Too often, there is a temptation to only see the Church through the lens of one's parish. However, a diocese is a composition of a group of parishes. In other words, one's parish belongs to a greater and larger body. As St. Paul reminds, we are ONE Body though many parts.

This year, there is a last-minute change in which the Cathedral will not host the Order of Election. Although there is a great sadness of not being able to visit and celebrate in the Cathedral especially on her centennial celebration, there is also great excitement. The reason for the change is due to the 25-30% increase in those preparing for the Easter Sacraments. Unlike last year where there were over 1000 through the Archdiocese, this year the increase in numbers have resulted in a necessity for a larger venue.

Our 9 soon-to-be newly elect will be sent to Our Lady of LaVang church located in Happy Valley where Bishop Peter Smith, the auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Portland, will call them to the Order of the Elect. Fr. Augustus and Brian Meeuwesen will accompany them and present them to Bishop Smith. I encourage all of you to please keep the following in your prayers especially in this season of Lent as they continue with their faith journey and complete their final preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation and be in full communion.

Let us pray for:

St. Edward: Jaime Cutburth

St. Francis of Assisi: Misty Maller, Donna McCowan, Jonathan Skeeel

Visitation: Ashton DeFilippis, Kelly Hebert, Tara Martines,  
Linda Van Dyke, McKenzie White

Blessed Lent!

~Fr. Michael

### Offertory

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 2/14 & 2/15:	\$2753.00
Online total:	\$530.38
Over/(Under):	(\$1089.62)

## This Week

### Saturday, February 21st

**Confession** 4:30pm

**Vigil Mass** 5:30pm

*Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward*

### Sunday, February 22nd

**Mass** 9:15am

*Intentions: RIP Sabas Roche*

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

### Monday, February 23rd

**Men of Conviction** 7:00-8:30pm

### Wednesday, February 25th

**Mass** 9:00am

*Intentions: RIP Shirley Veal*

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

### Friday, February 27th

**Soup and Stations of the Cross** 6:00 Soup Dinner in the St. Francis of Assisi School basement followed by Stations of the Cross with Adoration/Benediction in the Church at 7:00pm (hosted by High School Youth Group)

### Saturday, February 28th

**High School Youth Group** Lenten Service Project at Habitat for Humanity in Forest Grove 9:30am-1:30pm

**Confession** 4:30pm

**Vigil Mass** 5:30pm

*Intentions: Thanksgiving Paes Family*

### Sunday, March 1st

**Mass** 9:15am

*Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward*

## Annual St. Edward Benefit Tea

The committee has been busy preparing for the Annual St. Edward Benefit Tea which will be held on Saturday, April 18th in the Visitation Parish Center. Donations are needed for both raffle baskets and larger oral auction items. Suggestions for needed items include: gift cards to favorite local activities and restaurants, lottery tickets, wine, themed food baskets, plants, gardening items, your personal art or craft items, weekend trips, etc. Please prayerfully consider how you may be able to support the cause. Please feel free to leave donations in the provided boxes in the vestibule of the church or contact Joan Juenemann at 503-307-5627.

*\*\* Proceeds from the tea will benefit the St. Edward Benevolence Fund which will assist parishioners and community members with financial need due to medical bills, funeral expenses or aid after an unfortunate event or illness.*

## FORMED.ORG

To begin to utilize this Catholic Resource, go online to [www.formed.org](http://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:

#### *"How to Lent"*

*Season 1 explores and aims to equip Catholics with the tools to understand and practice the pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Guided by Solenne Santiago and with the help of priests and religious, this series will challenge our preconceived notions about Lent and provide a roadmap of entering the season with purpose. (Run Time: 4 episodes approximately 12-15 minutes each)*

## Friday Lenten Way of the Cross

### *School Stations:*

Visitation - 2/27, 3/13, 3/20 at 2:30pm and 4/3 at 1:00pm  
St. Francis of Assisi - 2/27, 3/6 at 2:00pm and 3/13, 4/3 at 10:30am

*Friday Soup and Bread Meal 6:00pm & Stations with Adoration/  
Benediction 7:00pm:*

Visitation - 3/6, 3/20  
St. Francis of Assisi - 2/27, 3/13, 3/27

## **"Fasting and Abstinence Regulations" for the Archdiocese of Portland**

- All Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on Fridays of Lent, Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday.
- All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. To fast means to eat one full meal; the other two meals that day should be less than the normal amount unless they are already at a minimum for good health. Eating between meals is not permitted; however, liquids including coffee, milk, and fruit juices are allowed.

## 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)**

*Lenten Service Project on Friday, February 20 5:30-8:00pm host Soup and Stations with Adoration/Benediction at Visitation. Please sign up with Tammy Scheenstra.*

### **High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)**

*Meeting Sunday, February 22 from 6:00-7:30pm at Visitation Parish Center. Lenten Service Project on Friday, February 27 5:30pm-12:00am host Soup and Stations with Adoration/Benediction at St. Francis of Assisi church. Saturday, February 28 9:30am-1:30pm Tuality Habitat for Humanity Forest Grove. Please sign up with Tammy Scheenstra.*

### **Confirmation Preparation (Grades 7-12)**

*5th Lesson on the Catholic Moral Life: Virtues on Saturday, February 21 at the 5:00pm Vigil Mass at Visitation Church.*

### **Mission Krewe 2026 St. Bernard Project, St. Petersburg, FL**

*Thank you for all those who supported the February 15th Sweetheart Breakfast Fundraiser.*

### **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

*Sunday, February 22 10:30am Mass at St. Francis of Assisi for the Rite of Sending and 2:30pm Order of Elect Service at Our Lady of LaVang church in Happy Valley. Candidate and sponsor must attend. Please reach out to Fr. Michael at [mvuky@yahoo.com](mailto:mvuky@yahoo.com) or text 971-217-5335 for all inquiries and questions.*

### **Adult Faith Formation (adults 18 or older)**

*Lenten Mission "Confronting the Noonday demon: How anxiety robs your Joy" with Fr. Peter Tynan, OSB March 24-26, 2026 at St. Edward church. 5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction with confession available, 6:00pm presentation/talk.*

## **"Hoist Hope" Capital Campaign Phase II**

Hall Project Progress Update: Concrete slab, steel columns and beams and foundation drains are complete. Lumber has been delivered and framing walls ongoing.

Please consider in following the dedication of these 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 \$3,301,969.71.

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

**March 6-8, 2026** Our Lady of Peace Retreat in Beaverton is hosting a *Men's Silent Lenten Retreat* with Rev. Theodore Lange. The retreat theme is "YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF EVERLASTING LIFE." The weekend begins with dinner on Friday evening and concludes after a late-morning brunch on Sunday morning. \$255 per person. For inquiries or to register, please phone the retreat house at 503-649-7127 or email sisters@olpretreat.org or online at www.olpretreat.org. Commuters, please call the retreat house to register.

**March 13-15, 2026** Our Lady of Peace Retreat in Beaverton is hosting a *Women's Silent Retreat* with Rev. Andru O'Brien. The retreat theme is "LED BY THE BANDS OF LOVE." The weekend begins with dinner on Friday evening and concludes after a late-morning brunch on Sunday morning. \$255 per person. For inquiries or to register, please phone the retreat house at 503-649-7127 or email sisters@olpretreat.org or online at www.olpretreat.org. Commuters, please call the retreat house to register.

### Parish Lenten Gift

The Parish Pastoral Council has selected "I Thirst" by Mother Teresa which is complimentary and free. It can be picked up at the entrance of the church beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 18. One copy per parish family. Enjoy the read during the season of Lent!

~Fr. Michael

### Knights of Columbus Council 1634 Lenten Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus is organizing a Lenten Food Drive. Bins will be located in the vestibule of the following parishes. All donations go to support St. Vincent de Paul Hillsboro (St. Edward), Banks Community Food Bank (St. Francis of Assisi), and St. Vincent de Paul Forest Grove (Visitation). Donations begin February 15 (before Ash Wednesday) until March 29 (Palm Sunday). For more information, please see flyer on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.

### A Holy Moment Time

It's time again for the new flower list for 2026. It will begin the first weekend after Lent. If you are not on the list, we welcome you to do so. Being on the list happens every two years. It is a simple and valuable job, and it can be your "Holy Moment Time." To be on the list, please call Barbara Henningsen (if no one answers, please leave a message). God, His Mother and everyone loves beautiful flowers.

God Bless,  
Barb H.  
503-647-2306

### Save the Date!

The next Dine Around Dinner Fundraiser will be Tuesday, March 10 at Coyote's Bar & Grill in Hillsboro.

Reservations can be made by stopping by or calling the parish office at 503-647-2131 between 8:30am-1:30pm Tuesday through Friday. The cost is \$125/person. Reservations and payment due by March 3rd.

### Parish Pastoral Council Nominations

There are two possible positions open. I invite all of you to prayerfully discern who you believe would be a faithful servant in an advisory role for the pastoral and sacramental care of the parish. Below I have included the qualifications:

- ◆ \*In full communion with the Catholic Church, i.e., baptized Catholic and member of the parish (CCL 512).
- ◆ One who exhibits good faith, morals, and prudence (CCL 512).
- ◆ One who nourishes a deep prayer life and exhibits an active faith life.
- ◆ One who is able to collaborate effectively with others.
- ◆ One who values consensus, is open to the new ideas, and can set aside personal agendas to listen.
- ◆ One who can discern.
- ◆ One who can study, reflect, and recommend practical conclusions.

Please drop off your nominations to Nancy Vandehey at the parish office or call her at 503-647-2131 or email n.vandehey@stedwardnp.net. The deadline is Monday, March 2nd, 2026 at 1:00pm.

### Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Please join the Knights of Columbus for breakfast on Sunday, February 22, 2026 from 7:30am to 12:00pm at St. Matthew Parish Hall in Hillsboro.

Menu: pancakes, ham, scrambled eggs, applesauce, milk, juice, coffee, and tea.  
Adults \$10, children \$8, preschool free, immediate family \$30.

Proceeds to benefit St. Vincent de Paul, Youth of St. Matthew Parish, & Knights of Columbus. Hope to see you there!

Help support Religious Education at our next

## Dine Around Dinner Fundraiser

Tuesday, March 10th

*Coyote's Bar & Grill*

5301 W. Baseline Road, Hillsboro, 97123

Doors Open 5:30pm

Dinner 6:00pm

### Menu

Caesar Salad

Choice of Entrée: Prime Rib, Pan Seared Salmon Piccata, or Chicken Marsala

Dessert

One Beer or Glass of Wine

Reservations can be made by coming into or calling the parish office at 503-647-2131. Cost is \$125/person.

Reservations and payments due by Tuesday, March 3rd.

Thank you for supporting our youth in the Religious Education programs!