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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.

Parish Pastoral Council 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	<u>Confessions:</u> Saturday 4:30-5:15 pm or by appointment, call/text Fr. Michael 971-217-5335 or Fr. Augustus 971-392-8449. <u>Masses:</u> Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm Sunday Morning Mass 9:15 am Wednesday Morning Mass 9:00 am <u>Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</u> 1st Wednesday of the month, following 9:00 am Mass, closes at 7:00 pm
<u>Funeral Service</u> <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> <u>Infant Baptism</u> <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> <u>Matrimony</u> <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>	<u>Parish Hall Use</u> <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> <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. <u>Bulletin Announcements</u> <i>The deadline is 12:00 pm on Tuesday for the following Sunday. Call the parish office or email mail@stedwardnp.org.</i>

Dear Parishioners,

As we are still in the early stages of our Lenten journey, the church empathizes with our plight and reminds us of the meaning and purpose of these 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

We are nearly a quarter of the way through Lent, and the first reading takes us back to Moses and the desert. In the preceding chapters, the LORD delivered the Israelites from Pharaoh. He let the Israelites cross the Red Sea on dry land, and He has just given them bread from heaven to satisfy their hunger. So naturally, they complain of their thirst. God has provided them with food, after having delivered them from slavery and death, and they long for slavery.

Sometimes we get excited in our zeal for God to fast from certain foods and drinks, but lament their absence. Instead of taking the time to recognize God's gifts in our lives, we long for our former life when we were comfortable. But God doesn't want us to go backwards. Instead, He urges us ever closer to Sinai and the promised land. For the Israelites, He responded to their thirst by providing water from a stone for the people to drink. But how does the Lord quench our thirst?

Fasting is supposed to be an outward sign of spiritual penance. We abstain from food and drink to deepen our reliance on God. But if we lament our fasting, how penitent are we? The prophets reminded the people that God does not care about fasting if we refuse to give up our sins. Those outward actions are empty if they lack spiritual renewal. So where do we go?

The Israelites made their way to Sinai where they received the law. There they promised to give up false worship, murder, adultery, stealing, lying, and jealousy. Jesus gives us the beatitudes to implore us to hunger and thirst for righteousness in ourselves and as a people. So when we fast, we should fast from sin and the causes of sin like pride, jealousy, lust, and avarice. When we couple this type of fasting with prayer and generosity, we won't want to turn back to our old lives of sin. Instead we look forward to Easter, where will again renew our Baptismal promises to renounce sin and embrace our new lives in the Risen Christ.

Your Friend in Christ,

Brian Meeuwsen - Pastoral Associate.

Lenten Day Retreat

Join Catholic speaker **Dina Marie Hale of Faith Moments** for a Lenten Day Retreat at The Grotto, **Friday, March 20**, from 8:15am-2:30pm in the Grotto Conference Center. Retreat theme, "Companions of Jesus Carrying Our Cross." Together we'll make a pilgrimage of the heart and mind into the Holy Cross that has redeemed the world. To celebrate the Franciscan Jubilee Year, we'll encounter St. Francis of Assisi and explore his love of the Cross. The day includes conferences, Mass, confession, lunch and time to explore the peaceful Grotto grounds.

Registration is required at dinamarie.org. The Grotto is located at 8840 NE Skidmore Street, Portland, OR 97220.

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

This Week

Saturday, March 7th

First Saturday Mass 9:00am at St. Francis of Assisi

Confession 4:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, March 8th

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: In Thanksgiving Paes Family

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

Monday, March 9th

Men of Conviction 7:00-8:30pm

Wednesday, March 11th

Mass 9:00am

Intentions: RIP Dean Schmidt

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

Friday, March 13th

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

Saturday, March 14th

Confession 4:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: RIP Archuleta Family

Sunday, March 15th

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Shamrock Breakfast 8:30am-12:00pm at Visitation Parish Center hosted by Mission Krewe

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

Knights of Columbus Council 1634 Lenten Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Lenten Food Drive. Bins are 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 for the food drive will be accepted until March 29 (Palm Sunday).

For more information, please see flyer on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.

Offertory

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 2/28 & 3/1:	\$4363.00
Online total:	\$936.07
Over/(Under):	\$926.07

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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:

"Witness with Fr. Mary Patrick Briscoe, OP" leads a pilgrimage of the road to Calvary encountering the Good Thief to Pontius Pilate, Martha to Barabbas, and many other Biblical figures who were flawed, fearful, hopeful and deeply loved.

(Run Time: multiple episodes 5-10 minutes each)

Friday Lenten Way of the Cross

School Stations:

Visitation - 3/13, 3/20 at 2:30pm and 4/3 at 1:00pm

St. Francis of Assisi - 3/13, 4/3 at 10:30am

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

Visitation - 3/20

St. Francis of Assisi - 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.

St. Edward Cemetery

The St. Edward Cemetery Committee is looking to fill the secretary position both during meetings and in the office (can be the same or different individuals). Office work entails updating cemetery forms upon request, recording plot sales, maintaining files, filing & scanning, mailing invoices as requested.

Please call Dan Puncocar at 503-706-1329 or Leah Nussbaumer at 503-809-6352 with any questions.

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)

Meets Sunday, March 15 from 6:00-7:30pm at Visitation Parish Center.

High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

Meets Sunday, March 8 from 6:00-7:30pm at Visitation Parish Center.

Confirmation Preparation (Grades 7-12)

Friday, April 10 at 6:00pm Walk Thru with candidate and sponsor.

Saturday, April 11 5:00pm Vigil Mass with Administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Steiner at Visitation Church.

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

Shamrock Breakfast Fundraiser Sunday, March 15 from 8:30am-12:00pm at Visitation Parish Center. Menu: pancakes, ham, scrambled eggs, fruit cup, OJ and coffee. Prices: adults \$12, children (ages 5-12) \$9 and immediate family \$45. Cash and check only.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Meets Sunday, March 8 from 11:45am-12:30pm at St. Francis of Assisi church basement on "Sacrament of Reconciliation." 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)

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.

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

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).



MISSION KREWE 2026

SHAMROCK BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

Sunday, March 15

8:30am - 12:00pm

Menu

Pancakes, ham,
scrambled eggs, fruit cup,
orange juice, and coffee

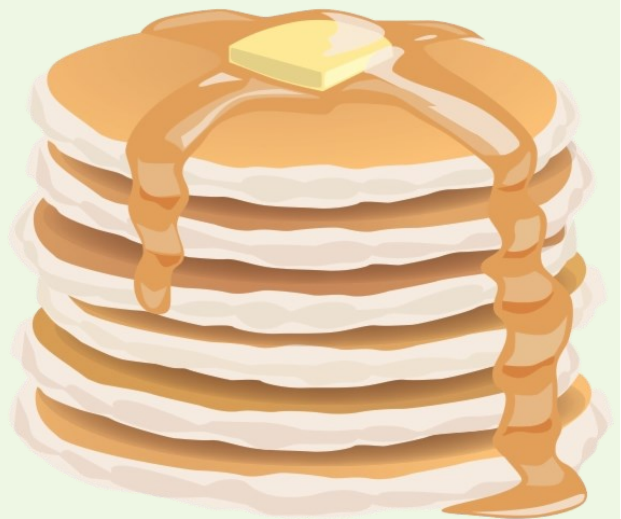
Prices

Adults \$12

Children ages 5-12 \$9

Immediate family \$45

** Checks or Cash Accepted*



Location: Visitation Parish Center

**** Proceeds to benefit the Mission Krewe Youth and their trip to Florida in June 2026.**