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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 we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Easter, affectionately known as "Divine Mercy Sunday", the Gospel reading is taken from John 20:19-31 which records on Easter night, Jesus walked through the closed doors of the Upper Room where the apostles were huddling together out of fear. He first said to them, "Shalom!", that is, "Peace be with you!"

Jesus had come down from heaven to earth and gave his life to give us peace, but it was a special kind of peace, one the world cannot give nor take away. The peace Jesus leaves and gives us is not the mere absence of war or conflict but harmony with God through the forgiveness of sins. Without this type of peace, no other form can endure because it is sin that destroys interior peace, the peace of the home, the peace of friendship, the peace of communities, and the peace of nations.

It is important for us to pay close attention to the various steps Jesus took so that we can understand better the divine foundation of the Sacrament of his Mercy and better explain it to those who claim that they can confess their sins to God alone without the Sacrament. Jesus began by saying to the Apostles, "Just as the Father sent me, so I send you!" We know that the Father had sent Jesus as the Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world and Jesus was sending his apostles to continue that saving mission of mercy. Since we know that only God can forgive sins against Himself (c.f. Mk 2:7), however, Jesus needed to impart to the Apostles that divine power.

So, he breathed on them as he said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." He gave them God the Holy Spirit so that they might forgive sins in God's name, just as we hear every time the priest pronounces those beautiful words in the Sacrament of Penance, "God, the Father of Mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son, has ... poured out the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins." And then Jesus did something that refers to the essential structure of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He said, "Those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; those whose sins you retain, they are retained." Since Jesus did not give the Apostles the capacity to read hearts and souls, the only way they - and their successors and their priestly collaborators - would be able to know which sins to forgive or to retain would be if people told them. And that is what happens in the Sacrament of Confession.

It is so fitting that Jesus established this Sacrament of his Mercy on Easter Sunday Evening because he wanted to link the joy of his resurrection to the joy of forgiveness. He had pointed to the connection between the two when he gave us the unforgettable Parable of the Prodigal Son. When the lost son returns to the Father to give his rehearsed speech of repentance, the Father erupts with happiness, because, he says, his son was *dead* and had been *brought to life again*. This Parable which is about what happens in the Sacrament of Penance, points to the truth that *every reconciliation is a resurrection!* In every good confession, a son or daughter who was dead comes to life again, healed of sins both mortal and venial, and made fully alive once more in Christ Jesus!

This is why it is so fitting, as we conclude the Easter Octave, that we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Back in 2000, St. John Paul II established this feast for the Sunday after Easter so that all of us could thank God for the gift of his mercy that led him to stop at nothing in order to save us from our sins and from the eternal death to which our sins lead. John Paul announced the establishment of this Feast during the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, the humble Polish sister to whom in a series of profound mystical experiences during the 1930s, Jesus had revealed the depths of his merciful love for the human race and his desire for all people to recognize our need for his

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mercy, trust in it, come to receive it, and share it with others.

This Sunday is an opportunity for us to thank the Lord for the gift of his mercy, to come to receive it in the way he himself established and to be transformed by it such that we seek to share it. It's also a time to get to know better, and do, the practices Jesus told us through St. Faustina, would help us grow to trust in his mercy more: to stop each day at 3:00pm, when Christ breathed his last on Calvary, to implore his mercy and bring him our prayers; to venerate him in the image of Divine Mercy.

I encourage and invite all of you to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy this Sunday by joining us at St. Edward at 2:00pm Confession and 3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Blessed Easter Week!

~Fr. Michael

This Week

Saturday, April 11th

Women's Bible Study 10:00am in Visitation Convent

Confessions 4:15

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: RIP Pam Maxwell

Sunday, April 12th

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Divine Mercy Holy Hour 2:00pm Confession,
3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction with
Recitation of Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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

Monday, April 13th

Men of Conviction 7:00-8:30pm

Wednesday, April 15th

Mass 9:00am

Intentions: RIP Margarito & Irene Florez

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

Saturday, April 18th

St. Edward Benefit Tea 11:00am at Visitation Parish Center

Confessions 4:15

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, April 19th

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: RIP Debbie Ellis

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

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Pick of the Month

Fr. Michael's Pick:

"Easter in Art"

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss a famous painting of Jesus' descent into hell, Jesus' Resurrection, and Jesus' encounter with Mary Magdalene and the theology behind it.
(Run Time: 3 episodes approximately 20 minutes each)

Congratulations to Our Newly Confirmed 2026

Destiny Arreola	Connor McCowan
Allistar Bair	Aiden Meeuwsen
Nicholas Bascuti	Sadie Mesenbrink
Tyler Coy	Ayden Moreno
Mary Crowell	Tara Olson
Beau Duyck	Elle Puncochar
Carinne Duyck	Ailyn Vivar Reyes
Amaris Eckler	Dania Vivar Reyes
Raegan Groneman	Jordan Hidalgo Reyes
Brayden Hamel	Juliet Herrera Reyes
Kinsley Hamel	Natalie Gandarilla Reyes
James Hammer	Yanuel Brenis Reyes
Benjamin Hertel	Damian Robles
Audrey Huson	Kamilah Robles
Cora Juenemann	Noah Ruhl
Greta Juenemann	Emmett Sapp
Mackenzie Kemper	Eric Stewart
Avery Lomeli	Travis James Vandecoevering
Malia Marshall	Norah Walsh

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, April 19 from 6:00-7:30pm at Visitation Parish Center.

High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

Meets Sunday, April 12 from 6:00-7:30pm at Visitation Parish Center.

Confirmation Preparation (Grades 7-12)

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2026! Next session starts Fall 2026.

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

Thank you for supporting the Easter Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Meets Sunday, April 12 from 11:45am-12:30pm in St. Francis of Assisi church basement on "Parish Ministries." Please reach out to Fr. Michael at mvuky@yahoo.com or 971-217-5335 for inquiries and questions.

Adult Faith Formation (adults 18 or older)

Thank you for joining Fr. Peter Tynan, OSB for our Lenten Mission 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

Hall Project Progress Update: Walls framed and exterior sheeting installed. Trusses set with on-going roof sheet being installed. Catch basin units are on-site and grease trap installed. Kitchen sub-committee meeting with our kitchen supplier, Rose's Equipment & Supply.

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 \$3,376,304.71.

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

Easter Basket Donations Welcome

As you tidy up after the Easter holiday, if you have Easter baskets you no longer need, the St. Edward Charity Tea and Auction would be grateful to give them new life. Donated baskets help us create the themed auction items that support our families in need.

Thank you for considering this small but meaningful way to help our mission. Baskets can be left in the Tea Donation box in the vestibule of the church or contact Joan Juenemann to make other arrangements at 503-307-5627 or jjuenemann@hotmail.com.

Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser for Coats for Kids

Please join the Knights of Columbus for a breakfast burrito fundraiser on Sunday, April 19th from 7:30am to 12:00pm in the St. Matthew Parish Hall.

Costs: \$15 Burrito and Drink Combo; \$12 Burrito only

Proceeds to benefit our Coats for Kids Drive.

We hope to see you there!

Visitation Catholic School

Masquerade Black & White

26th Annual Dinner Auction on Saturday, May 16 at 4:30pm

Scan QR code to purchase your tickets



Archbishop's Catholic Appeal 2026 (ACA)

Annual ACA Commitment Weekend is scheduled for April 18-19. For those who donated previously, you should have already received a pledge card in the mail. If you would like to donate to the 2026 ACA, there are commitment cards available at the entrance of the church.

Please fill out and return to the parish office, please it in the collection basket, or mail to the Archdiocese.

Thank you for your generous support.

Offertory

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 4/4 & 4/5:	\$6754.00
Online total:	\$1603.26
Over/(Under):	\$3984.26

Dine Around Dinner Fundraiser

The next St. Edward Dine Around Dinner is Tuesday, April 14th at the Hillsboro Elks Lodge!! Reservations can still be made until Monday morning (April 13th) by calling Nancy Vandehey on her cell 503-706-0641.

Your choice of entrée items: prime rib, seared salmon or roasted chicken breast.

Don't miss this first-time Dine Around at the Hillsboro Elks!! It is bound to be fun, delicious ... and a great way to benefit the Religious Education programs.