

# St. Edward Parish

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April 19th, 2026

## 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,

This weekend (April 18-19) is Commitment Weekend for the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal 2026. Here is a letter for your prayerful consideration.  
~Fr. Michael

Every day in western Oregon, someone discovers that God has not forgotten them - and it happens because people like you support the *Archbishop's Catholic Appeal*.

You may not be there in the moment. You may never see their face. But when hope is restored in one of our parishes, your compassion, your faith, and your courage to give are quietly at work.

**Because of your support of the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal, our parishes are places of healing** - spaces where people walk in burdened and leave restored. A mother overwhelmed by life's pressures finds a listening ear in her pastor. A teenager experiences the awe of encountering Christ in Eucharistic Adoration. A man returning to the Church after decades is welcomed with tenderness and joy.

These aren't isolated moments - they are every day realities made possible by your support.

Christ is at work in our parishes, schools, and communities. He brings hope to the burdened, comfort to the grieving, and guidance to the searching. **Through the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal, you help make sure this work can continue and grow.**

Together, we are embarking on Mission Renewal - a focused effort to strengthen Catholic life in every parish. Your gift to the Appeal will:

- **Renew Our Priests** - Your gift supports the priests who serve our parishes today, cares for our retired priests who have faithfully poured out their lives for the Church, and helps form the next generation of priests - so that, in every season, a shepherd is ready to bring Christ's healing.
- **Renew Catholic Education** - Your support keeps faith-filled teachers in our schools, where children learn to see the world through the eyes of faith and encounter the love of Christ each day.
- **Renew Evangelization** - Your generosity fuels the outreach that invites the lost, the searching and the wounded to rediscover the mercy and beauty of the Gospel.

These are not programs. They are people - people who will experience Christ's healing because you chose to act.

Not long ago, a man who had been away from the Church for decades walked into his parish on a quiet weekday afternoon. A staff member greeted him, listened to his struggles, and invited him to pray.

**Because donors like you keep that parish open, welcoming, and staffed, he did not walk into an empty building - he encountered the living Church.**

This simple moment sparked a return to the sacraments and a renewed sense of purpose. "It felt like Christ reached out to me through the Church," he shared. "I didn't know how much I needed healing until I received it."

Encounters like this do not happen by accident. They happen because **people like you** support the ministries of our Church through the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal.

That is why I am writing to you today. **Will you help bring the next**

*Pastor's Notes (Continued)*

**encounter of hope to life by making a generous gift to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal?**

Your gift has the power to restore, renew, and transform lives across western Oregon. When you give you help:

- Children discover a faith that anchors them.
- Seminarians prepare to shepherd God's people.
- Families grow stronger through active parish life.
- Those who feel far from God find their way home.

This is the mission Christ entrusts to us. And **your generosity makes it possible.**

With gratitude,  
+Archbishop Alexander K. Sample+

## This Week

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

Monday, April 20th

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

Tuesday, April 21st

**Cemetery Meeting** 6:30pm at the "Old Hub"

Wednesday, April 22nd

**Mass** 9:00am

*Intentions: RIP Kathie Thomas*

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

Saturday, April 25th

**Bible Study** 10:00am Visitation Convent

**Confessions** 4:15

**Vigil Mass** 5:30pm

*Intentions: Thanksgiving Paes Family*

Sunday, April 26th

**Mass** 9:15am (First Communion)

*Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward*

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

## 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:

*"Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist"*

Watch this visually stunning film that takes viewers on a global journey to uncover the transformative power of the Eucharist. Engaging in profound dialogue with prominent Catholic leaders, the film explores the biblical origins of the Eucharist and shares personal stories of lives transformed by the Blessed Sacrament. (Run Time: 93 minutes)

## **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.

## **Mater Dei Radio 2026 Spring Sharathon**

"Live the Peace of Christ" during Mater Dei Radio's 2026 Spring Sharathon from April 20-24! Hear from inspiring guests each morning and evening throughout this week-long broadcast event which will explore various aspects of peace during this Franciscan Jubilee Year.

Join the 36-year legacy of support for local Catholic radio by visiting [MaterDeiRadio.com](http://MaterDeiRadio.com), calling 888-823-5286, or downloading the free Hail Mary Media app. During the week, be sure to tune in via radio or live-stream!

## **Offertory**

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 4/11 & 4/12:	\$5503.00
Online total:	\$1355.38
Over/(Under):	\$2485.38

## **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 26 from 6:00-7:30pm at Visitation Parish Center.

### **Confirmation Preparation (Grades 7-12) & OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Sessions will start Fall 2026.

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

Participant and Parent meeting on Wednesday, April 22 6:00-6:30pm at the Visitation Parish Center.

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](mailto:tammy.scheenstra@hotmail.com).

## **Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser for Coats for Kids**

Please join the Knights of Columbus for a breakfast burrito fundraiser this weekend 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!

## **"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).

# ST. FRANCIS STEAK DINNER

SATURDAY, MAY 2nd, 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM



Come for the Antique Tractor Show, Handmade Crafts & Goodies at our Country Store, and stay for a Delicious *Homestyle* Dinner!

Adults (13+)	\$23
Seniors (65+)	\$20
Students (4-12)	\$10
3 and under	FREE
8 Steak Pack	\$50

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