

# St. Edward Parish

North Plains, Oregon

November 1, 2020

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## Holy Eucharist to Sick & Shut-ins

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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**

Mitch Nussbaumer 2020-2023 (Chair)  
Dian Duyck 2019-2022 (Vice Chair)  
Kristina Heagh-Avritt 2018-2021  
(Secretary)  
John Reding 2020-2023  
Bob VanderZanden 2018-2021  
Patrick Weis 2019-2022

### Confessions:

Saturday 4:30-5:15 pm

### Masses:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Sunday Morning Mass 9:15 am

Wednesday Morning Mass 9:00 am

### Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

1st Wednesday of the month, following  
9:00 am Mass, closes at 7:00 pm

### Funeral Service

*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.*

### Infant Baptism

*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 Father Michael.*

### Matrimony

*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 the parish priest, at least six months prior to the wedding.*

### Parish Hall Use

*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.*

*Mass Intentions can normally be offered on Wednesday mornings and Saturday evenings. Please submit requests through the parish office. A suggested stipend is \$10.*

### Bulletin Announcements

*The deadline is 12:00 pm on Tuesday for the following Sunday. Call the parish office or email mail@stedwardnp.org.*

Dear Parishioners,

The Pew Research Center reported a year ago in 2019 a statistic that showed that 65% of Americans identify themselves as Christians which is down 12% in just the last 10 years. However, those describing themselves as atheists, agnostics and “nothing in particular” (aka Nones) are now at 26% of the populations, up 9%.

These are staggering declines which frankly, the past 7 months and counting of the pandemic is only adding to the strains for Catholic dioceses, parishes, schools and seminaries dealing with the decline of faith. For this reason, at an institutional level, the hot topic for Bishops, pastors, Catholic School superintendents and parish pastoral and finance/administrative councils have been focused upon addressing this.

And at a personal level, they occupy a great deal of the minds and hearts of parents, grandparents, godparents, spouses, siblings, sons, daughters and friends as they pray for their loved ones whose choices have helped establish those trends. Many are at a loss of knowing what to say. Many lament that their prayers and interventions do not seem to be bearing any fruit.

For this reason, as I have shared with many: the power of prayer can NEVER be discounted. Never lose heart in prayer. In fact, prayers for loved ones do work miracles. In my 15 years as a priest, I have witnessed the beautiful scene of the Good Thief recapitulate itself when people have asked me to come to the bedside of family members who have been away from God for decades and who have said they don't want to see a priest.

I am reminded by a brother priest of mine who is a convert to the faith that even though his own parents were skeptical of his conversion and even his call to priesthood, he still responded to God's call. As a priest, he prayed for his parents and continued to live his vocation, allowing his priestly actions to speak. His mother converted, and a few years ago, his father finally converted and my own dad was his sponsor. Prayers do work!

Allow me to provide a few practical tips about praying for those who have chosen to stop, drifted away from the practice of the faith, or others who need prayers to take it up for the first time.

So that our prayer does not get reduced simply to prayer of petition, which can narrow our relationship with God, we should exercise all five different forms of prayer:

1. We should *praise and bless* God for how lovable and merciful He is.
2. We should *thank* Him for His savings will, patience, Fatherly solicitude, and for sending His Son and the Holy Spirit to make conversion possible.
3. We should *ask His forgiveness* for all those sins, ours and others.
4. We should make *petition* for ourselves, to grow in patience and hope as we pray perseveringly and seek to become an instrument of the Holy Spirit.
5. We should *make intercession* through the communion of saints for our lost sheep, that God will have mercy on them and perhaps send someone who can reach them at the depth God wants to and bring them home. Our intercession should be simple and straightforward: “Lord, the one that you love needs your help.”

As we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints this weekend, may we see the Pew Research Center data ultimately as a summons for the whole

*Pastor's Notes Continued:*

Church to pray more and with greater insistence. The Lord has given each of us plenty of people to pray for, so let us begin by invoking the intercession of the Communion of Saints.

All you holy men and women of God and Saints in Heaven, *Pray for us!*

Blessings,

Fr. Michael

## This Week

Saturday, October 31st

**Confessions** by appointment only

**Vigil Mass** 5:30 pm

*Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward*

Sunday, November 1st

**Mass** 9:15 am

*Intentions: RIP Marydean Elizabeth Madeline Merwin*

**High School Confirmation** meets 6:00 pm at Visitation

Wednesday, November 4th

**Mass** 9:00 am

*Intentions: RIP Barbara Kindel*

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** all day, closing at 7:00 pm

**Religious Education** grades 1-5 in the parish hall from 3:00-3:50 pm

Saturday, November 7th

**Confessions** by appointment only

**Vigil Mass** 5:30 pm

*Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward*

Sunday, November 8th

**Mass** 9:15 am

*Intentions: Thanksgiving Paes Family*

## Offertory Collection

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 10/24 & 10/25:	\$6357.00
Online total:	\$980.00
Over (Under):	\$2963.40

## Thanksgiving Day Mass

On Thursday, November 26 there will be a Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 am at St. Edward. If you and your family would like to attend, please contact Nancy Vandehey at (503) 706-0641 (cell) or (503) 647-2131 (office) to sign up. It is first come, first serve. There are 75 spots available (50 in the church and 25 in the satellite location).

## FORMED.ORG

We have renewed our annual subscription. Please add this FREE Catholic resource as part of your media platform. Go online to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and select "Enter code" link. Input the Parish Code: **HWNN8P** and create your own personal login and password to begin enjoying the free content.

If you have any problems logging in or accessing your account, please contact Julia, Parish Care for FORMED, [parishcare@formed.org](mailto:parishcare@formed.org) or call 1-844-367-6331 and provide the Parish Code **HWNN8P** under our registered name St. Francis of Assisi, Banks, Oregon for all three parishes.

### Pick of the Month

Fr. Michael's Pick:  
"The Saints" by Dr. Scott Hahn

The month of November always begins with the celebration of the Communion of Saints, the Solemnity of All Saints. Dr. Scott Hahn covers the Biblical evidence on the Saints and provides answers to the various objections that Protestants make to the Catholic Faith.

Run Time: 70 minutes

Fr. Juan Jose's Pick: TBA

## USDA Food Box Program Update

The Archdiocese of Portland has secured agreements with two new suppliers for Phase 3. Distribution sites will continue until October 31. PCF will be applying for Phase 4 so that we can continue this work of mercy program. Let us continue to support the most vulnerable in our community.

## St. Edward Country Christmas Festival

Due to Covid-19 capacity limitations, the Annual St. Edward Country Christmas Festival will not be held as normal. In lieu of the traditional bazaar, the Altar Society will still be hosting a wreath sale and raffle.

Please watch the bulletin for more details.

## Religious Education

### Grades 1-5 (Including 2nd Grade Sacramental Prep)

Meets Wednesday, November 4th from 3:00-3:50 in the parish hall.

### Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)

Meets Sunday, November 15 at Visitation church from 6:00-7:00 pm. We will gather for a Spiritual Work of Mercy of praying for our beloved dead and All Saints Trivia Night. Live streaming via Zoom meeting will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

### High School Youth Group (grades 9-12)

Meets Sunday, November 22 at Visitation church from 6:00-7:00 pm. We will gather for a Spiritual Work of Mercy of praying for our beloved dead and All Saints Trivia Night. Live streaming via Zoom meeting will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

### High School Youth Confirmation

Meets Sunday, November 1 from 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation church for Mass and Lesson on Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please contact Laura Nevis at (503) 575-5608 or [Inevis@farthing.com](mailto:Inevis@farthing.com) to register.

### RCIA

Meets Sunday, November 1 from noon until 1:00 pm in the Visitation School Cafeteria. Fr. Michael will be presenting on "God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

### Live Streaming of Masses

The Archdiocese of Portland will continue to live stream the 11:00 am Sunday Mass from The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception every week until the gather restrictions have been lifted. Go to <https://archdpx.org/live-masses>.

St. Edward/St. Francis of Assisi/Visitation is also live streaming the 10:00 am Sunday Mass in Verboort every week. Download Zoom.us, enter Meeting ID: 993 4497 4746, password HolyMass.

### Save the Date

Get your gloves on and get ready to make wreaths!! Wreath making will be on November 23rd & 24th, November 30th & December 1st at Crystal and Bob VanderZanden's greenhouse.

## Missionaries of the Holy Spirit

Prayers for Fr. Roberto and the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer to implore Fr. Roberto Saldivar's health through the intercession of Venerable Felix of Jesus Rougier:

*Merciful Father, in your goodness, I confidently ask, through the intercession of Venerable Father Felix of Jesus Rougier, the complete recovery of Fr. Roberto Saldivar, Missionary of the Holy Spirit. Glorify your servant on earth so that all priests, religious men and women, and laity, inspired by his example, may be transformed into your son, Jesus Christ, Priest and Victim. May all be for the greater glory of the Most Holy Trinity, the holiness of your priestly people, and the building of your kingdom on earth. Amen.*

## **Prayers for Bishop Steiner and His Family**

Bishop Steiner's sister, Maryldean Elizabeth Madeline Merwin, died October 27, 2020. Please keep the Steiner family in your prayers.

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## **Expanding to Love and Serve Campaign**

The Neighborhood meeting was a success. We are moving forward to scheduling a meeting with the North Plains City Planners. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Michael, Dick Vandehey (Chair), Dick Krueger (Vice Chair), or Bob VanderZanden (Vice Chair).

## **St. Edward Country Christmas Raffle**

Due to circumstances surrounding COVID-19, our annual Country Christmas Festival will look a little different this year. We will still be having the raffle portion, but we need your help to make it more successful than ever!! The tickets will be \$5 each; each family will be mailed 10 tickets for purchase (more can be purchased if individuals/families choose to).

We are in need of some higher priced donations perhaps a weekend stay at the coast or Central Oregon, gift cards, carpenter-made items (chair, bench, or bird house, for example), monetary donation, and gift baskets. We are already planning on having a quilt as a raffle item.

Please consider making a donation to this year's raffle! We really need everyone's participation as our bazaar will be greatly reduced this year. As always, thank you for your generosity!

Please contact Jan Hamel at 971-275-4236 with any questions.

## **November: Remembering our Beloved Deceased**

November is the month that we are asked to do a Spiritual Work of Mercy and pray for our beloved deceased. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, we are unable to display our Book of Remembrance with the opportunity to inscribe the names of our beloved deceased.

However, Remembrance cards are available at the entrance of the church for you to take home, write the names of your beloved deceased and place them in the designated basket. The names will be placed in the basket at the foot of the altar so all Masses celebrated will remember our beloved dead. Also, the names of those parishioners who have passed from November 2019 to October 2020 will be displayed in the sanctuary.