

St. Edward Parish

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.

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 4:00-4:30 pm at Visitation
At St. Edward by appointment only

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,

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and transition back into Ordinary Time. The Christmas decorations of the creche, trees, and lights will be seen one last time before they are returned into storage. I am sure that some of the healthier poinsettias will still remain.

The Baptism of the Lord is a great and insightful transition point from the festivities of Christmas and New Year and into the regular grind of our daily lives. Why? As described in the Gospel of Mark, as Jesus comes up out of the water to be greeted with a descending dove.

In Christian art, the picture of Jesus' emergence is dramatic and power of ascending out of the water. It is to capture the grandeur of newness of life like a booming thunder from the sky announcing someone important and significant has arrived.

And then the dove appears to slowly lower the thunderous boom into a quiet and gentle soothing "coo" of a dove which is the voice of the Father lovingly affirming and announcing the Truth of "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (c.f. Mark 7:11).

The implication is very clear. In our life of faith, God speaks to us very directly and dramatically such as at Christmas with the proclamation of the Incarnation, but more times than not, God also speaks to us in quiet and gentle ways especially during the mundane and ordinary moments in our lives.

As we enter back into Ordinary Time in our liturgical practices as well as daily routine ones, my hope and prayer is that the Parish Advent Book, Matthew Kelly's "I Heard God Laugh" has provided the tools, method, approach, mindset as well as good holy habit of 10 minutes of daily prayer applying his 7-step process.

And if not, then there is no deadline of when one can start, so pick it up and take up his challenge. However, if the good habit has been formed, I invite you to consider taking up my challenge that I posed on January 1 at the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and follow the example of our Blessed Mother, Mary, who "kept all these things reflecting them in her heart" by adding daily reading, conversation, and dialogue with Sacred Scripture.

Pick up a free copy of the Word Among Us or subscribe to Magnificat that has the daily readings for Mass, or go onto the USCCB website to access the daily readings which also has the option of an audio recording so all you have to do is just have a pair of earbuds.

Then, as you are reading or listening, select a word or phrase that speaks to your heart. Keep that word or phrase on your mind, perhaps writing it down on a piece of paper so throughout the day you can be attentive to it. Even see if you can incorporate the word or phrase in conversation with others or just sharing it with another.

I assure you that if you focus upon how to communicate that word or phrase from Sacred Scripture in your everyday speech and conversation, it changes how you think, behave, or converse because when you are so focused on the holy word and phrase, the temptations of using any foul language and gossip due to loss of patience become less of a distraction.

Let me tell you, it is very challenging when one is focused on the phrase "with you I am well pleased" and sharing those powerful words to another to then engage in gossip or speaking ill about another

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person. Keeping God's word or phrase on our mind creates that moment of pause and reminder to select our words very wisely and prudently. If we are able to master this, we will hear God's gentle and calming voice speak because we will be following the example of our Blessed Mother treasuring and pondering all these sacred things in our heart, mind, and on our lips.

Have a Blessed Week!

Fr. Michael

This Week

Saturday, January 9th

Confessions by appointment at St. Edward

Confessions 4:00-4:30 pm at Visitation

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: Lawrence & Margaret Cropp Family

Sunday, January 10th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

High School Confirmation meets 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation

Wednesday, January 13th

Mass 9:00 am

Intentions: RIP Timmy Kindel

Religious Education Classes to be announced

Saturday, January 16th

Confessions by appointment at St. Edward

Confessions 4:00-4:30 pm at Visitation

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, January 17th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: RIP Julie Herinckx

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

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).

Offertory Collection

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 12/26 & 12/27:	\$2495.00
Online total:	\$1406.88
Over (Under):	(\$471.12)

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Pick of the Month

Fr. Michael's Pick:

"Changed Forever: The Sacrament of Baptism" by
Fr. Mike Schmidt

As we transition from the Christmas Season into Ordinary Time with the Feast of the Baptism, Fr. Schmidt explains how Christians truly become sons and daughters of God the Father for all eternity through the Sacrament of Baptism. Run Time: 59 minutes.

USDA Food Box Program Update

As of today, there is no new information from the USDA on a Phase 5 continuation of this program into 2021. As soon as there is any new updated information, we will provide. As this COVID-19 pandemic continues in these winter months, let us continue to pray for all Oregonians that struggle to meet basic food security.

Mass Sign-Up Update

EFFECTIVE SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO SIGN UP FOR MASSES WITH CONTACT LIST. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. ONCE THE CAPACITY LIMIT HAS BEEN MET IN THE CHURCH, SATELLITE LOCATIONS WILL BE OPEN.

We are reminded that mask/face coverings are REQUIRED with the only exception of disability or medical reason. Please do not gather after Mass and promptly return to your vehicle.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Religious Education

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

Next class date to be announced.

Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)

Meets Sunday, January 17 from 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation church for Liturgy of the Hours and Service Project. Live streaming via Zoom will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

High School Youth Group (grades 9-12)

Meets Sunday, January 24 from 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation church for Liturgy of the Hours and Service Project. Live streaming via Zoom will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

High School Youth Confirmation

Meets Sunday, January 10 from 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation church for Mass and Lesson on Sacrament of Eucharist Part II: Real and True Presence. Please contact Laura Nevis at (503) 575-5608 or email Inevis@farthing.com.

RCIA

Meets Sunday, January 10 from noon to 1:00 pm in Visitation School Cafeteria. Fr. Michael will be presenting on "Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation."

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://archdpdx.org/live-masses>.

St. Edward/St. Francis of Assisi/Visitation is live streaming the 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil and 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday Masses in Verboort. Download Zoom.us, enter Meeting ID: 993 4497 4746, password: HolyMass

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

Fr. Roberto Saldivar returned home this week to the MSpS Convent in Roy. Let us continue to pray for his full recovery 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.

Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelope boxed sets for 2021 are available in the parish office. Please stop by the office to request a box.

Office hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Wreath Recycling

There is a box in the vestibule of the church to recycle wreaths.

Coping with Life Alone

Coping with Life Alone is a support ministry designed to strengthen and assist those who have experienced the loss of a spouse through death, separation or divorce. This is a virtual ten-week program intended to aid persons dealing with this significant life adjustment.

Join from the privacy and comfort of your own home for the Zoom presentations and discussions (internet access required).

Date: Saturday Sessions begin February 20, 2021

Time: 9:00 - 11:00 am (8:45 am sign-in)

Cost: \$55.00

Pre-registration Deadline: January 31, 2021

Contact: beginningexperienceoforegon.org



St. Edward Country Christmas Festival

THANK YOU all for making the wreath/flower arrangement sales a huge success! We made 250 large and 44 small wreaths - the most that we've ever made! The flower arrangements were beautiful and sold out quickly. The generosity of our parishioners and surrounding area is amazing, wonderful, and humbling. We did not know what to expect so we started with a small goal of 100 wreaths and kept upping our goal until we reached 250! Your tremendous support kept us out of trouble.

We need to give a huge thank you to our volunteers who persevered goal after goal (with hardly any complaints 😊).

Our angel/elves are in alphabetical order after the first four.

Flower arrangements:

Mary Scritsmier

Diane Lederbrand

Wreaths:

Carol Goeden (RIP)

Judy Hall

Dick Claeys

Sue Cropp

Marlene Duyck

Dale Herinckx

Joan Juenemann

Teresa McQuire

Barbara Mills

Nancy Mills

Agnes Nussbaumer

Don Nussbaumer

Emma Nussbaumer

Isaac Nussbaumer

Leah Nussbaumer

Mitch Nussbaumer

Jane Reding

John Reding

Tony Spiering

Kim Van Dyke

Gary Van Dyke

Thank you to the Redings for keeping us hydrated and fed; the Reynolds family for ensuring we had Noble Fir; Don and Rita Nussbaumer for the Juniper; the Redings for the Incense Cedar; Bob and Carol Gutmann for the Cypress Cedar; Paul and Rose Coussens for the holly; and Jane Horning and others who brought cones!

We are very grateful to each and every one of you!

Crystal and Bob VanderZanden