

St. Edward Parish

North Plains, Oregon

October 25, 2020

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.

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Mitch Nussbaumer 2020-2023 (Chair)
Dian Duyck 2019-2022 (Vice Chair)
Kristina Heagh-Avritt 2018-2021
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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,

In responding to the question of the lawyer in today's Gospel - "what is the greatest of all the commandments?" - Jesus tells us very clearly the most important things we need to do in our lives. If we do everything else but do not do what he tells us, we will not have lived life well nor fully.

St. Pope John Paul II, whose feast day was celebrated on October 22, reminds us that it is only in the mystery of Jesus, the incarnate word of God, that the mystery of man takes on light and his supreme vocation made clear, and that man cannot find himself except through the unselfish gift of himself in love to others.

In other words, Christ reveals to us the real meaning of our humanity - how loved we are by God that he sent his only Son to die for us so that we may live - and we cannot become fulfilled unless we enter into Christ's own self-giving love. The 10 Commandments, which is the summation of the two greatest commandments, love God (commandments 1-3) and love thy neighbor (commandments 4-10), provide a litmus test and gauge of how we are doing.

At the Last Supper, Jesus tells His disciples and us that "I am giving you these commandments so that you may love one another" (c.f. John 15:17) and "if you love me, you will keep my commandments" (c.f. John 14:15). Therefore, in examining our consciences especially how we measure up, here are the questions we should be asking ourselves daily:

- How could we ever claim to love God if we're worshipping idols or misusing his name?
- How could we claim to love God if we don't come to worship him on the day he calls his own?
- How could we ever love our parents if we dishonor them?
- How could we claim to love others if we hate or kill them?
- How could we love our spouse if we cheat on him or her?
- How could we truly love another if we use them for our sexual pleasure and risk their eternal salvation?
- How could we love someone if we're stealing from them?
- How could we love someone if we're lying about them or lying to them?
- How could we really love someone if we're envious rather than happy about the good things they have in their lives?

The commandments train us how to love God and others. However, we must avoid the mentality of avoiding trying to break the commandments because just merely not violating the commandments is not the same thing as loving God and neighbor, not to mention loving God with all we've got as loving our neighbor just as much as we authentically love ourselves.

According to St. Pope John Paul II, this is what Jesus is calling us to in today's Gospel. When people look at you, or me, or any Catholic, they should see - they have the right to see - someone who has given 100% of his heart, 100% of her soul, 100% of the mind to God and is seeking to love others as God loves us and them.

Finally, St. Pope John Paul II beautifully concludes that when Jesus through the priest at Mass say the words, "Do this in memory of me!," the "this" is not just the celebration of the rite of the New Passover, which is the Mass; it's also his call to break our bodies, to shed our

Pastor's Notes Continued:

Sweat and blood, out of love for others. We could have no greater love for our neighbor than to give of ourselves out of love for them in life and in death. All the law and the prophets hang on this twofold commandment of love, and therefore the Eucharist, which helps us to put both into practice, is the synthesis of everything Jesus has ever taught.

St. Pope John Paul II, *pray for us!*

Blessings,

Fr. Michael

This Week

Saturday, October 24th

Confessions by appointment only

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: RIP Beverly Kloepfer

Sunday, October 25th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Wednesday, October 28th

Mass 9:00 am

Intentions: Living and Deceased Members of the Altar Society

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

Hall Neighborhood Zoom Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm

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: Intentions of Stewart & Ann King and Family

Offertory Collection

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| Weekly contributions needed for budget goal: | \$4373.00 |
| Offertory total for 10/17 & 10/18: | \$2793.00 |
| Online total: | \$1565.55 |
| Over (Under): | (\$14.45) |

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Pick of the Month

Fr. Michael's Pick:

"Changing Sides: Story of Abby Johnson"

As we begin this month of October devoted and dedicated to Respect Life, this film tells the powerful true story of the conversion of a dedicated Planned Parenthood director to a leading Pro-Life Activist. It answers the question of whether hearts can really be changed on the issue of abortion. It is a powerful testimony.
Run Time: 50 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, October 28 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 to register.

RCIA

Meets Sunday, October 25 from noon until 1:00 pm in the Visitation School Cafeteria. Fr. Michael will be presenting on "God's Plan of Salvation."

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 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.

Expanding to Love and Serve Campaign

The neighborhood meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28 from 6:00-7:00 pm. **The meeting is hosted by Zoom.us, meeting ID 928 0212 3590, password: Community.** 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.