

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 4:30-5:15 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,

A year ago this month, on October 13, Pope Francis canonized St. John Henry Neuman. My classmate, who at the time was in Rome pursuing his doctorate, was able to attend the canonization Mass. Now, newly elected Abbot Marion Qui-Thac Nguyen, OSB of St. Martin Abbey, has been asking me if I have finished a biography entitled, "Passion for Truth: The Life of John Henry Neuman" authored by Rev. Juan Velez. He had read it before and lent me his copy.

Although during the earlier months, especially in March, I had plenty of time to read, I must admit, I also had a pile of books on my nightstand. Unfortunately, this biography was on the bottom. But since I saw Abbot Marion in August at his installation, I figured I should read it in anticipation of the 1 year anniversary of St. John Henry Neuman's canonization.

The book is close to 600 pages so it is not something that I could plow through in a night, but I was able to complete it in a three-day span. When I shared that with him, he was a bit taken aback and admonished me that it is a biography that is like fine wine, needs to be sipped and savored. Furthermore, it is a book that in his opinion is supposed to be read on a quasi-retreat.

I reminded him that obviously he has forgotten that during our studies in Rome how I rarely sat down and enjoyed a meal and was always on the go. Thus, sipping and nursing a glass of wine was not what I did. Also, as a parish priest, 3 open evenings to be able to have quiet time to read is a quasi-retreat. With that said, I did share with him a few insights, observations and sources of inspiration from the life of St. John Henry Neuman that I garnered from the read.

1. He was courageous. He was an academic and scholar who converted to Catholicism and, as a result, was alienated by family and friends and passed up for prestigious positions in academia, culture and society. He truly understood and lived the cost of discipleship.
2. He was a fierce apologist and teacher of the faith. He used his God given talent of intelligence to pass on the faith but, at the same time, witness to the complimentary relationship between faith and reason.
3. He fostered and created an atmosphere of true dialogue and discussion. There is a reason why on college campuses, Catholic centers are call Neuman centers. For him, university centers are an opportunity to discuss and exchange ideas, thoughts, and creeds with great mutual respect and openness. It is not a place where opposing ideas are canceled by the prevailing mob.
4. He was a man of prayer. There is a reason why, when he was elevated to the College of Cardinals, he chose the motto, "*cor ad cor loquitur*" (heart speaks to heart). Prayer is an opportunity not to exchange ideas as much as exchange words with God, that is, a loving exchange of persons. For this reason, dialogue and discussion of religion, politics, and philosophy should be a prayer.
5. He was a devout pastor. Although he was a scholar and academic, he was down to earth and met people where they were at especially in meeting them through the works of mercy. A reminder for all parish priests to cultivate both.
6. He was an engaging preacher. His sermons and homilies still to this day are a source of inspiration and study for aspiring homilists and preachers.
7. As a convert to the Catholic faith from Anglicanism, he was deeply involved in ecumenism, dialogue with other Christian

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faiths. The ultimate goal is the search for Truth.

These qualities of St. John Henry Neuman are something that I, as a pastor, and actually all of us, should strive for on a daily basis. But in this particular month of October designated to Respect Life. We have to be together on this endeavor of the Church's Non-Negotiable teaching and Doctrine on the Dignity of the Human Person and exhibit the **Courage** to mount a **Defense** that is **Respectfully** ordered towards a **Prayerful** spirit of **Charity** to others especially the most vulnerable growing and alive in the womb to the **TRUTH** that ALL Life is sacred in order to Convert, transform and change hearts. As his motto states, "heart speaks to heart."

St. John Henry Neuman, pray for us!

St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

Blessings,
Fr. Michael

This Week

Saturday, October 3rd

Confessions by appointment only

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, October 4th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: RIP Clarence Court

High School Confirmation 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation church for Mass and Lesson

Wednesday, October 7th

Mass 9:00 am

Intentions: RIP Barbara Kindel

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament closing at 7:00 pm

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

Saturday, October 10th

Confessions by appointment only

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: RIP Kathy Goeden

Sunday, October 11th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

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

Offertory Collection

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 9/19 & 9/20:	\$2730.00
Online total:	\$1210.00
Over (Under):	(\$433.00)

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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 Religious Education Scholarship

The recipient of the Annual St. Edward Scholarship has been selected. This scholarship has been made available to parishioners who are attending a Catholic College or University.

The 2020-2021 Scholarship has been awarded to:

Colleen Doran - Benedictine College

Please join the parish in congratulating Colleen on this special opportunity.

Religious Education

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

Meets Wednesday, October 7 from 3:00-3:50 in the parish hall.

Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)

Next meeting Sunday, October 11 at Visitation Church 6:00-7:00 pm. We gather for an activity and Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction for Respect Life. Live streaming via Zoom will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

High School Youth Group (grades 9-12)

Meets Sunday, October 18 at Visitation church 6:00-7:00 pm. We gather for an activity and Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction for Respect Life. Live streaming via Zoom will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

High School Youth Confirmation

Meets Sunday, October 4 from 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation church for Mass and Lesson on Sacrament of Baptism. Please contact Laura Nevis at 503-575-5608 or email Inevis@farthing.com to register.

RCIA

Inquiry meets on Sunday, October 4 from noon until 1:00 pm in the Visitation Parish Center. Please contact Fr. Michael for more information.

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.

Missionaries of the Holy Spirit

Please pray for the recovery of Fr. Roberto and Fr. Mario. Fr. Juan will continue with his quarantine.

Venerable Felix Rougier, pray for them!

2020 Verboort Sausage and Kraut Dinner

Verboort has ... WONDERFUL NEWS! We added pre-order online sales on 9/15/20 at 9 am for Bulk Sausage, Sauerkraut, and Baked Goods. Online sales at www.verboortsausagedinner.com. For 86 years, we have planned, gathered together, and worked incredibly hard for our future! This year, we shall worker harder, longer ... and a little further apart.

Saturday, November 7th, 2020 from 11 am to 8 pm

Dinners-to-go only this year/PENDING at this time!

Drive-thru bulk sales for sausage and kraut from 8 am to 6 pm while supplies last!

Sausage packages sold in only three options: \$20, \$60 and \$100

Further information at www.verboort.org.

Expanding to Love and Serve Campaign

Due to COVID-19 guidelines, we are awaiting to reschedule the neighborhood meeting. Then we will be able to be assigned a hearing date with the City of North Plains Planning Commission. 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.