

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,

This weekend in years past, we would begin the process of blessing and installing our new altar servers at the Masses, beginning at St. Edward (November 8), Visitation (November 14-15), and St. Francis of Assisi (November 22). It would be an exciting time for our 4th graders and older who have prepared well in the months of September and October.

The special moment for me has always been hearing the names of the new servers called and then, after blessing their cross that is personalized with their name and date, it is bestowed upon them. The new altar servers enter a ministry of not only service to the priest at the altar but an exercise of their baptismal dignity of being priestly, prophet and kingly.

All baptized are called to be priestly (prayerful), a prophet (how we witness and live our faith), and to be kingly (obedience to Jesus Christ, our King, and His commandments). Altar servers assist the priest in the most perfect prayer of Holy Mother Church, the One Perfect Sacrifice of the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in a prayerful, reverent, and respectful disposition and manner.

As I always remind my servers, they are to serve the Mass as if it is your first, your last and your only which is what priests are told when offering up the Mass too. Although, due to the current public health guidelines for the celebration of Mass, we have delayed the training of our new servers. Our hope is that by January 2021, we will begin the training of this most important ministry.

In the meantime, allow me to leave you with this story. When I was in my internship year in 2003-2004 at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in Oregon City, I was assigned to train the new altar servers. The praxis at St. John the Apostle was to allow children who have received their first holy communion to begin altar server training if they are so interested. So, typically, the ages of the children were 3rd grade.

However, there were some who were more zealous and excited that, after receiving their first holy communion in 2nd grade, they would ask to be trained immediately. Such was the case of this one child who had an older brother about 18 months older than him. What I did not realize was that the 2nd grader wanted to ring the bells like his older brother.

After he had completed his training, new servers were always assigned the responsibility of the role of cross bearer and were asked to observe from the more experienced servers who were assigned as acolytes, that is, carrying the candles, help set up the altar, and ringing the bells. Well, during the consecration of the Eucharist, I noticed off in the corner of my eye, two separate hands on the bells. It escalated into a wrestling match to the horror of the parents.

Needless to say, years later, one can look back and smile that brothers will be brothers, and we can chalk it up to the excitement and zeal of that youthful desire to serve and have a role in the celebration of the Mass. And, in the end, this is the opportunity our youth should be given without the spectacle of fighting over doing a holy task though. I look forward to training our new recruits in this ministry. Until then, let us pray for relief and an end to this pandemic.

Blessings,
Fr. Michael

This Week

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

Wednesday, November 11th

Mass 9:00 am

Intentions: RIP Dessie Hodges

No Religious Education Classes

Saturday, November 14th

Confessions by appointment only

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: RIP Carmella Wren

Sunday, November 15th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

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

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 10/31 & 11/1:	\$3510.00
Online total:	\$1015.50
Over (Under):	\$152.50

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).

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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 USDA has stated that there WILL be a Phase 4 that will be from November 1 through December 31, 2020. Pacific Coast Fruit and Sysco have informed us that they will submit proposals that are due on Friday, October 30. Because of this tight transition time, we anticipate Phase 4 food box distribution will be delayed until at least Monday, November 9 or beyond.

St. Edward Country Christmas Festival

Be on the lookout for this year's raffle tickets to arrive in the mail soon!! There are a lot of fantastic raffle prizes; be sure to purchase your tickets for a chance to win one (or more)!

Religious Education

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

Meets Wednesday, November 18th 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, December 6 from 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation church for Mass and Lesson on Sacrament of Eucharist. Please contact Laura Nevis at 503-575-5608 or email Inevis@farthing.com.

RCIA

No meeting on Sunday, November 8 due to 86th Annual Verboort Sausage Dinner clean up. Next meeting, Sunday, November 15 from noon to 1:00 pm in the Visitation School cafeteria. Fr. Michael will be teaching on "4 Marks of the Church and the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming."

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.

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.