

# St. Edward Parish

North Plains, Oregon

September 13, 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.

## Pastor

Fr. Michael Vuky  
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## Holy Eucharist to Sick & Shut-ins

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## Parish Office

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## **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,

We have arrived at our last installment on the Sacrament of Reconciliation series. The final step in the process is post-Confession maintenance. After examining the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation which includes confession of sins, act of contrition, reception of the prayer of Absolution from the confessor, and satisfied penance given. Now it is about the following:

1. Trust and faith in God that we cannot do it by our own will power nor on our own accord.
2. Effort and hard work to reflect upon the situations, times and people that place us in moments of temptation and, thus, weakens our resolve to that good, holy and firm amendment. This may require us to follow Jesus' advice that if your left hand leads you to sin, cut it off, i.e., we have to be cutthroat in placing ourselves from people, places, and situations that are near occasions to sin. We literally have to convince ourselves that the behavior that we are trying to avoid, to stop and to cease will lead us to physical death. For this reason, what are the things that we need to do so we don't die? For example, if we struggle with anger and we experience the inner turmoil of it boiling underneath the surface that, if left unchecked, can lead us to be irritable, snarky, and biting with our words, glares, and body language to another, we must stop and say a prayer or ask God's assistance and grace of peace for the person that is making us angry and ask for the grace of mercy on us too.
3. Pray for your confessor. Pray because the confessor needs those graces to be the instrument of God's mercy in those that seek conversion of heart.
4. Know that every time you prepare yourself and participate in the Sacrament of Confession, there is great joy in heaven. God is pleased. God is overjoyed. Recall the words of Jesus in the parable of the lost sheep: "I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance" (c.f. Luke 15:7).

To conclude our series, the late St. Pope John Paul II told young people the best way to spiritually mature is to engage in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If we engage in the necessary work of examining our conscience including time to nurture a sense of sorrow/contrition, we are able to have a greater and deeper appreciation for God's love and our own actions which causes injury.

And when there is a great risk of that loss of love, we act with great urgency and immediacy to repair it and restore it. Part of the repair is an awareness and knowledge of our weaknesses and where we find ourselves tempted to fall. So, we pray to God asking what we need to avoid and overcome it.

My hope is that you have found a clearer understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation especially how to participate in it. As always, I am available by appointment to celebrate this sacrament with you, please reach out via e-mail: [mvuky@yahoo.com](mailto:mvuky@yahoo.com) or call/text 971-217-5335.

Blessings,  
Fr. Michael

## This Week

Saturday, September 12th

**Confessions** by appointment only

**Vigil Mass** 5:30 pm

*Intentions: RIP Zaida Rosa Gonzalez*

Sunday, September 13th

**Mass** 9:15 am

*Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward*

Wednesday, September 16th

**Mass** 9:00 am

*Intentions: In Thanksgiving Nolan & Catherine Sohler*

Saturday, September 19th

**Confessions** by appointment only

**Vigil Mass** 5:30 pm

*Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward*

Sunday, September 20th

**Mass** 9:15 am

*Intentions: RIP Laura Beall*

### Missionaries of the Holy Spirit

Fr. Roberto returned home from a trip not feeling well. He was tested and received a positive Covid-19 result. Fr. Juan Jose had only indirect contact with him; Fr. Mario had no contact with him. The community will be self-isolating, keeping good hygiene, and taking good care of Fr. Roberto. Please keep the MSps priests in your prayers.

### Expanding to Love and Serve Campaign

Due to Covid-19 guidelines, we are awaiting to reschedule the neighborhood meeting. Then we will 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).

### Offertory Collection

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 9/5 & 9/6:	\$2786.00
Online total:	\$1300.50
Over (Under):	(\$286.50)

### 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.

## 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:

"So Help Me God: The Promise & Power of the Sacraments"  
by Scott Hahn

In this dynamic Lighthouse talk, Dr. Scott Hahn explains the importance of oaths, which invoke God's name and implore His assistance. He shows that oaths are also the means of transforming our personal relationship with Christ into a covenant relationship. Dr. Hahn then explains what led him to move from believing in only two sacraments to all seven. In sharing these insights, he connects oaths to the seven sacraments and unveils their mystery and importance. He reveals that the sacraments are the ordinary means by which God empowers us to do His will. You'll discover that the sacraments don't make holiness easy, but they do make it possible.  
Run Time: 61 minutes.

Fr. Juan Jose's Pick: TBA

## Religious Education

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

Meets Wednesday, September 16 from 3:00-3:50 in the parish hall.

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

Meets Sunday, September 14 at Visitation church from 6:00-7:00 pm.

We will kick off with Mass and a Mary Scavenger Hunt. Live streaming via Zoom will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

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

Meets next Sunday, September 20 at Visitation church from 6:00-7:00 pm. We will kick off with Mass and a Mary Scavenger Hunt. Live streaming via Zoom will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

### **High School Youth Confirmation**

Those entering 9th grade this 2020-2021 school year or older are invited with their parents to attend a virtual meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, September 16 at 6:00 pm. Please contact Laura Nevis at 503-575-5608 or email [Inevis@farthing.com](mailto:Inevis@farthing.com) to register.

### **RCIA**

Interested in Exploring the Catholic Faith or know someone who is? Having questions or aren't sure? Or are you ready to start the process of beginning Catholic? Then call Fr. Michael at 971-217-5335 or email [mvuky@yahoo.com](mailto:mvuky@yahoo.com).

## **New: Face Covering Requirements**

Face coverings are legally required at indoor gatherings, including in churches, per statewide directive. All who are 5 years and up must wear face coverings in church in Phases 1 and 2 of reopening. Those are excepted who perform activity that makes wearing a mask "not feasible," like the presider (throughout Mass) and the lectors (while reading). Singers and musicians are not excepted (they must wear face coverings even when singing). Exceptions are also made for people with disabilities or diagnosed medical conditions that preclude them from wearing masks. In these few cases, special seating accommodations should be made so those unable to wear masks have seating in a cry room or choir loft away from the rest gathered. Children 2 and under should not wear masks. Wearing a face covering at church is not optional. Churchgoers cannot be allowed entrance without a mask. The pastor and door monitor must strictly enforce this requirement. By archdiocesan requirement, masks must still be used by ministers when distributing Holy Communion. A presider *may* wear a mask throughout Mass.

## **USDA Food Box Program**

A USDA grant has made it possible for Oregon families to receive FREE produce, dairy or combo boxes that are distributed at selected Archdiocese of Portland Catholic Churches, other faith-based organizations, local food pantries, civic organizations and homeless shelters.

As the COVID-19 pandemic extends into the summer months, more and more Oregonians are struggling to meet their basic need of food security. Many others struggle with isolation and can't travel to their local grocery store. The USDA food box program ensures that lack of financial resources, transportation, and isolation do not create a barrier to fresh food.

The USDA has partnered with Pacific Coast Fruit to provide 275,000 food boxes per month in our region. In order to make that happen, Pacific Coast Fruit has partnered with Archdiocese of Portland to distribute boxes to the needy of our state through September 18, 2020. USDA may elect to extend the program depending upon program success and available remaining funds.

For more information, please go to <https://evangelization.archdpdx.org/usda-food-box>.