

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 couple of weeks ago, Archbishop Vlazny sent Bishop Steiner and I a letter from His Eminence Cardinal Robert Sarah, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments entitled, "Let us return to the Eucharist with joy!" Needless to say, it provided much reflection and food for thought, *no pun intended*.

In my discussions with my brother priests, we have heard the common sentiments:

1. Frustration, anger and scandal by the way civil leaders have defined church worship service as non-essential, that is, seemingly less important than liquor stores or marijuana dispensaries to name a couple that have been allowed to be open and provide full service.
2. A "new" normal that some prefer watching Mass making spiritual communions with a cup of coffee in hand and sitting in a comfier seat than a pew or viewing livestream service that they can internet surf scrolling through a more convenient or engaging liturgy.
3. Due to limited capacity, only being able to sign up once a month or once every two months to attend in-person Church liturgy especially for parishes that have 1000+ families or more.

With that said, please do not misunderstand me as it is an act of charity as well as prudence towards those who are vulnerable and are in the high-risk group to be able to view Mass via online or livestream. However, there nevertheless is a great danger especially in this culture of convenience and consumerism that can seep into our spiritual attitudes and practices a habit of living without Sunday Mass altogether, even virtually.

For this reason, this letter from Cardinal Sarah, is very edifying and challenging insofar that it addresses the importance of calling, teaching, and reminding the faithful that although there is a duty and obligation, the physical attendance and participation at Sunday Mass is essential and necessary as it is centered around relationship and community.

Last week, 34 middle schoolers with 2 participating online as well as last Sunday, 33 high school teens with 2 participating online attended the celebration of Mass. For half of the middle and high schoolers, it was the second time that weekend going to Mass as they went with their family earlier. There was a desire to go a second time to pray and gather as a community of peers. Furthermore, a specific homily message was delivered to them that applied to their current situation.

We cannot downplay or look past the importance of the celebration of the Eucharist because the Eucharist is THE Real and True Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Eucharist is a mind-blowing reality that God loved us so much that He would humble Himself to take on human form. And then even further humble Himself to allow us, His creatures to crucify Him and further humble Himself to hide Himself under the appearances of bread and wine so that we, His creatures, may be nourished and strengthened by Him in Holy Communion.

As I have stated before, it is no different than a father who spends an hour with his beloved daughter playing "dolls" an activity that she has chosen. The doting father looks past his desire to watch football or tinker with a project in his shop; the father makes the deliberate decision to spend time with his daughter out of love for the child.

Likewise, our God has asked us to engage in an activity of praise,

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worship and adoration in the Sacredness of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sunday. We oblige Him and we give to Him our time, talent, and treasure out of a sense of duty because we love Him. And, in turn, He loves us even more unconditionally and perfectly.

And so, Cardinal Sarah's letter, "Let us return to the Eucharist with Joy!" captures what the Christian response should always be with regard to the 3rd Commandment, "Keep holy the Sabbath", that is, we attend not because we have to but we want to out of gratitude and thanksgiving to God OUT OF LOVE FOR HIM.

Blessings,
Fr. Michael

This Week

Saturday, September 26th

Confessions by appointment only

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: RIP Paul Juenemann

Sunday, September 27th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Wednesday, September 30th

Mass 9:00 am

Intentions: RIP Katherine Wilson

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

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

Offertory Collection

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 9/19 & 9/20:	\$1617.00
Online total:	\$2845.00
Over (Under):	\$89.00

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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 30 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 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 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.

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.

USDA Food Box Program

Pacific Coast Fruit (PCF) informed the Archdiocese of Portland that USDA did NOT award PCF as a supplier for the food box program in Phase 3. **Effective immediately, there will be NO DISTRIBUTION through our parishes and affiliates.**

The Archdiocese is reaching out today to the awarded supplier(s) to offer our parish distribution channel. PCF stated that in November, they will apply once again for phase 4. Stay tuned for more details on the next steps. Again, thank you for all your efforts and support of the most vulnerable amongst us.

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!

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).

Save the Date!

Rosary Bowl NW

Saturday, October 3rd
Live Stream, Radio Broadcast, and In-Person
St. Edward Church (Keizer, OR)
8:00-10:30 am

Register and Connect at: www.rosarybowlnw.org

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.