

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 3:45-4:30 pm at Visitation

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,

From Matthew Kelly's "I Heard God Laugh: A Practical Guide to Life's Essential Daily Habit", the 7-step process of how to pray within the 10-minute window each day:

- **GRATITUDE** - begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful for today.
- **AWARENESS** - revisit the times in the past twenty-four hours when you were and were not the best-version-of yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you learned from them.
- **SIGNIFICANT MOMENTS** - identify something you experienced today and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event or person.
- **PEACE** - ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, of Him) and to fill you with a deep and abiding peace.
- **FREEDOM** - speak with God about how He is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be the best-version-of yourself.
- **OTHERS** - lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.
- **FINISH** by praying the Our Father.

The first 6 steps to this process are ordered towards stimulating a conversation with God. Too often, we fall into the trap of just *thinking* about things. If you find yourself doing this, you need to turn your thoughts into words and an actual conversation that you would have with a person. This good habit will slowly help you find it easier to converse.

Also, another practical tip: don't feel as if you need to rush through or even complete all seven steps if you are a beginner. You may just want to start with a minute and build up to ten minutes. You may want to start at the first step of "Gratitude" sharing with God all the things that you are grateful for and then end with step 7, finish with the "Our Father" prayer.

The goal is to start a good habit, take baby steps if necessary, and learn how to do the first steps or few steps well before advancing any further. It may feel slow and tedious but what is most important is establishing a solid foundation, a good and consistent habit by mastering each step until it is second nature to you, like breathing, walking, and hopefully, talking, that is, talking to God every day.

Finally, on another note, Pope Francis has recently pronounced 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph, husband of Mary. We will be looking at ceasing our St. Michael the Archangel prayer at the end of Mass and, starting January 1, 2021, begin Mass with honoring and asking for St. Joseph's intercession.

Blessed Advent!
Fr. Michael

Offertory Collection

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 12/12 & 12/13:	\$3435.00
Online total:	\$510.00
Over (Under):	(\$428.00)
Religious Retirement Collection	\$1560.00
Hall Expansion	\$100.00

This Week

Saturday, December 19th

Confessions by appointment at St. Edward

Confessions 3:45-4:30 pm at Visitation

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, December 20th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: RIP Marvin Nussbaumer

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

Wednesday, December 23rd

Mass 9:00 am

Intentions: RIP Margaret Engstrom

No Religious Education Classes

Thursday, December 24th *Christmas Eve*

Christmas Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: RIP Zaida Rosa Gonzalez

Christmas Midnight Mass 8:00 pm

Intentions: RIP Howard Henningsen

Friday, December 25th *Christmas Day*

Christmas Day Mass 9:00 am

Intentions: RIP Henry Herb

Saturday, December 26th

Confessions by appointment at St. Edward

Confessions 3:45-4:30 pm at Visitation

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: RIP Pete Reimers

Sunday, December 27th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Spam Alert

There continues to be a large amount of SPAMMING that appears to be coming from local parish priests. These have gone from coming strictly via email to now coming through text messages. The message usually asks for gift cards or a wire transfer of funds. A number of unsuspecting parishioners have fallen for this scam. If you receive a message via email or text from Fr. Michael asking for gift cards and/or wire transfer, please verify with him personally to avoid any fraud.

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If you have any problems logging in or accessing your account, please contact Julia, Parish Care for FORMED, 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:
"The Virtue of Patience Amidst Chaos"

As we begin this season of Advent, we are called to be alert, awake, and vigilant which requires PATIENCE. In this episode of FORMED Now!, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher O. Blum, Academic Dean of the Augustine Institute Graduate School, sit down to discuss the virtue of patience. This conversation talks about the role of patience in the Christian life, how it is expressed, the difficulties of exercising it, and how to practically grow in the virtue of patience.

Run Time: 18 minutes

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. The boxes are distributed on Tuesdays starting about 2:00 pm but could be sooner depending on if the truck arrives sooner. Anyone can receive a box.

Expanding to Love and Serve Campaign

The Neighborhood meeting was a success. We are moving forward with 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).

Religious Education

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

Next class date to be announced.

Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)

Meets Sunday, January 17 from 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation church for Liturgy of the Hours and Service Project. Live streaming via Zoom will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

High School Youth Group (grades 9-12)

Meets Sunday, December 20 from 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation church for Communion of Saints Lesson and Saints Trivia Night. Live streaming via Zoom will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

High School Youth Confirmation

Meets Sunday, January 10 from 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation church for Mass and Lesson on Sacrament of Eucharist Part II: Real and True Presence. Please contact Laura Nevis at (503) 575-5608 or email Inevis@farthing.com.

RCIA

No meeting Sunday, December 20 nor December 27. Enjoy Christmas and New Year's!

Retirement Fund for Religious

Thanks for giving! "We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Funds for Religious each year," says a Catholic sister. "Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters." Thank you for donating to last week's second collection.

Found

A set of keys was found in the cemetery. Please call the parish office at (503) 647-2131 to claim.

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.

Christmas and New Year's Day Masses

Please contact Nancy Vandehey (503) 647-2131 (office) or (503) 706-0641 (cell) to sign up. The church and the satellite location will be open.

December 24th at 5:30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass
December 24th at 8:00 pm Christmas Midnight Mass
December 25th at 9:00 am Christmas Day Mass
January 1st at 9:00 am New Year's Day, Mary, Mother of God Mass

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://archdpx.org/live-masses>.

St. Edward/St. Francis of Assisi/Visitation is live streaming the 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil and 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday Masses in Verboort. Download Zoom.us, enter Meeting ID: 993 4497 4746, password: HolyMass

Christmas and New Year's Masses will be live streamed from Visitation:

Thursday, December 24 - 4:00 pm Christmas Vigil, 10:00 pm Christmas Midnight Mass

Friday, December 25 - 8:00 am and 10:00 am Christmas Day Masses

Friday, January 1 - 9:00 am Mary, Mother of God, New Year's Day Mass

Download Zoom.us, enter Meeting ID: 970 1739 4694, password: HolyMass

Parish Secretary

St. Matthew is looking for a cheerful, bilingual (English/Spanish) Parish Secretary. The position is full-time, Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 5:00 pm, and is benefitted.

The successful candidate will be fluent in English and Spanish speaking, writing, and publishing; have a proven ability to work efficiently in a busy office; be proficient in Word and Publisher; experience with database software required; and have 2-3 years experience as a Parish Secretary. High contact with public and parishioners; candidate must be a practicing Catholic.

Please send resume to Becky Smith at bsmith@stmatthewhillsboro.org or fax to (503) 648-4489 to apply.

Governor's Office "Extreme Risk" Level

Our current gathering limit is 25% of capacity. If you are not on the weekly schedule and would like to be, please contact Nancy Vandehey at the parish office (503) 647-2131. Also, we are reminded that mask/face coverings are REQUIRED with the only exception of disability or medical reason. Please do not gather after Mass and promptly return to your vehicle.

Thank you for cooperation.

Giving Tree - Latest News

2020 continues to be unpredictable: **after Gaudete Sunday EVERY Giving Tree tag was selected off the wall!** It appears that we are going to settle at 21 families this season. The 3 from West Union Elementary have the boys and girls on the tags. Those families and the 18 from North Plains Elementary will also receive food boxes, hygiene & toiletries, cleaning products, Safeway & WINCO food cards, and a PGE credit.

Thank you very much to everyone for filling the tags and making donations! Even in these restricted times everyone is coming through for those not as lucky as we are.