

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 4:00-4:30 pm at Visitation
At St. Edward by appointment only

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,

As I shared with the daily Mass goers a few weeks ago, I am currently reading a biography on the life of Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen, the great orator, preacher, and churchman of our 20th century.

There is a story that while he was on his many travels across the world, he was celebrating Mass in Africa. He noticed that one of the participants was a woman who had lost her limbs from the elbow and knee down. After Mass, he visited with her and inquired where she lived. She said that she lived 4 miles away and to attend Mass she would crawl (a total of 8 miles round trip).

Moved by her profound love for the Eucharist and great lengths to attend the Holy Sacrifice, he said that tomorrow he would bring holy communion to her. The following day, like most priests, there are interruptions and at times, we are sidetracked from our original plan. After finally receiving a moment to get back on track, Archbishop Fulton Sheen got on a bike to ride to the woman's home.

And before he got out of the church grounds, she was there at his doorstep. Shocked, embarrassed, and utterly moved, before he could apologize for his delay, she said, "I couldn't wait any longer to receive our Lord." At that very moment, he was so inspired by her genuine and sincerity for the love of the Eucharist that he made a promise to commit to a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament every day of his life.

Mind you, this is a man who traveled much, and for great length of time on trains, planes and automobiles. Somehow, some way he found every day of his life a church or chapel whatever the hour and however jetlagged or fatigued to fulfill this commitment to our Lord. I can imagine that he probably had a few instances in which he was like Saints Peter, John and James in the Garden of Gethsemane falling asleep before our Lord.

For this reason, in all his recorded writings, retreat talks, and presentations, he was so passionate in his exhortation upon the importance and the power of the Eucharist especially in the Blessed Sacrament in one's spiritual life.

As announced a few weeks ago, starting January 2 in this new civil year, we no longer are required to sign up for Masses with contact list. We are expected to maintain a capacity limit which means as soon as the capacity is met in the church, we will open seating in our satellite location. Mask/Face covering for entry is required.

Without a doubt, during the last 9 months, the various guidelines and restrictions have provided all of us a greater desire for the Eucharist and more importantly, how essential and necessary the Eucharist is in our lives especially spiritually. The Eucharist is not only the source of our communion with Christ, but also communion and fellowship with each other. We hunger for community and family.

So, as we transition into this new procedure, I ask you to continue to be considerate, thoughtful and patient with the "first come, first served" method (which includes no reserving seats) that as we all share to be inside the Church to celebrate the Eucharist that the sacrifices seen in generosity and sometimes deferring do not cease so all can receive an opportunity to be in the church.

Blessed New Year!
~ Fr. Michael

This Week

Saturday, January 2nd

Confessions by appointment at St. Edward

Confessions 4:00-4:30 pm at Visitation

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, January 3rd

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: RIP Laura Beall

Wednesday, January 6th

Mass 9:00 am

Intentions: RIP Maryldean Merwin

No Religious Education Classes

Saturday, January 9th

Confessions by appointment at St. Edward

Confessions 4:00-4:30 pm at Visitation

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: Lawrence & Margaret Cropp Family

Sunday, January 10th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

High School Confirmation meets 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation

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:	\$4,373.00
Offertory total for 12/26 & 12/27:	\$10,380.00
Online total:	\$625.00
Over (Under):	\$6,632.00

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Pick of the Month

Fr. Michael's Pick:

"Changed Forever: The Sacrament of Baptism" by
Fr. Mike Schmitz

As we transition from the Christmas Season into Ordinary Time with the Feast of the Baptism, Fr. Schmitz explains how Christians truly become sons and daughters of God the Father for all eternity through the Sacrament of Baptism. Run Time: 59 minutes.

USDA Food Box Program Update

As of today, there is no new information from the USDA on a Phase 5 continuation of this program into 2021. As soon as there is any new updated information, we will provide. As this COVID-19 pandemic continues in these winter months, let us continue to pray for all Oregonians that struggle to meet basic food security.

Mass Sign-Up Update

EFFECTIVE SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO SIGN UP FOR MASSES WITH CONTACT LIST. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. ONCE THE CAPACITY LIMIT HAS BEEN MET IN THE CHURCH, SATELLITE LOCATIONS WILL BE OPEN.

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 your cooperation.

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, January 24 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 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, January 3. We start up again on Sunday, January 10 from noon to 1:00 pm at Visitation School Cafeteria. Fr. Michael will be presenting on "Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation."

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

Prayers for Fr. Roberto and the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit

Fr. Roberto Saldivar returned home this week to the MSpS Convent in Roy. Let us continue to pray for his full recovery 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.