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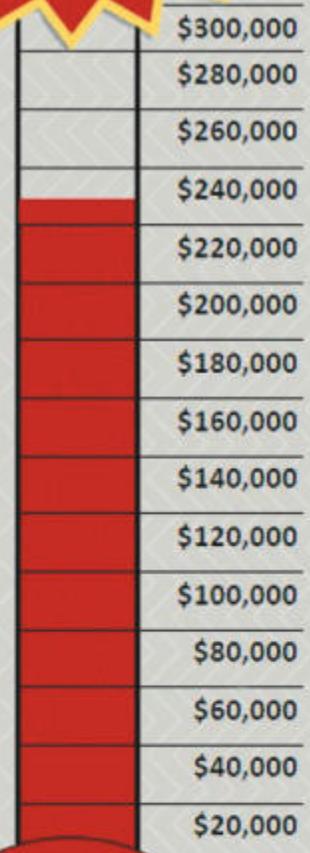
From its beginning, St. Edward Parish has been dedicated to welcoming and serving the community. We continue that tradition with the addition of an elevator to our church that will provide access to worship and hospitality for all. We are truly grateful to those who have already contributed to making the church accessible. Having raised over \$220,000. We are close to our goal! If you have not yet donated, now is the time. Use the envelopes in the church or donate online by visiting the parish website at www.stedparish.org.



Groundbreaking June 21, 2021



Projected Completion Date: November 2021





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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I had the highest hopes that by this weekend construction would have begun on our elevator addition. When our facilities committee first met back in the fall of 2019, I knew building an elevator addition would be difficult, but I never imagined the level of difficulty between scheduling and weather and dealing with the city of Chicago (and I thought the Archdiocese was bad... yikes!). While construction may not begin until mid-July, I still hope that by November 1st we should have an accessible Church for all people to come and worship God with our community of faith. Allow me to update you on the progress of the elevator.

The timing of the construction was always sensitive because we knew it would take the manufacturer of the elevator more time to create our elevator than it would take the construction company to build the addition. We didn't want an empty building sitting there with no elevator for a month or two, so getting the timing right was something we knew needed attention. We also didn't want construction to happen during the winter months to save us from added costs of covering and heating the construction site. We had hoped to start construction in Spring 2021, but there were some permit snags downtown with the city. Then we set our calendars and eyes on starting construction at the beginning of June 2021! That's when the fun really began.

When we were going through the permit process, we triggered a landscape review of our property north of Sunnyside. The city wanted us to bring our parking lot up to code for landscaping. Following the letter of the law, we needed to add 18 trees, grass that would run the length of our lot along Sunnyside and Lowell (and come into our lot by 7ft), a steel fence with hedges in front of it, water sources every 100ft, islands of grass and trees in the parking lot itself, AND we would also need to tear up the parking lot to check on our storm water system. Our architect ran the numbers and the estimate for that work came out to \$185,000.00! Not only would the cost be extremely difficult for us to raise (since we've raised \$220,000.00 already and still need \$80K more for the elevator), to make the city's plan work, we would need to lose two of the three driveways on Sunnyside and the driveway on Lowell. This ordinance would also take away more parking spots from our lot. There is also the issue of our ally (that we own half of) north of the convent and church. The Zoning Commissioner says we need to either put a fence up blocking entrance to the ally from our parking lot OR we need to apply for an "Ally Access Exemption."

While we are blessed to have an amazing Alderman, Sam Nugent, who came to our rescue and talked with the Zoning Commissioner, a deal is still being negotiated. I truly cannot thank Alderman Nugent and her staff enough. They went above and beyond to help us out because they see the good work we're doing for our community and that we shouldn't be punished for making our space accessible. So far in the negotiations, it looks like the following will need to happen: we will be tearing up the asphalt and concrete on the parkway (even though that's city property) and planting grass; we will lose two driveways on Sunnyside (the two closest to the mailbox) to plant two trees; and we will need to add a steel fence around the parking lot, possibly with 3ft of landscaping under the fence. This will add some additional costs and Zoning Commissioner made it clear that the city does not care about financial hardship for non-profits. I will likely be calling on some volunteers to help us, so if you know how to put up a fence or where to buy a fence to match our existing one on Sunnyside, let me know! If you know anyone getting rid of a tree, let me know! If you know of any sod or fences falling off a truck, let me know!

While this elevator project has become more complicated than I originally anticipated, I'm confident and proud of the following: we're responsibly using the time, talent, and treasure you have all given us; we have amazing people working on this project and helping us out; our parish is overflowing with generosity; and no matter the obstacles, we are accomplishing the will of God by making our Church accessible so all people can come in and worship God with us.

We're still \$80,000.00 short of our \$300,000.00 goal. If you haven't contributed to this important project, please make your gift this summer. If you've already contributed, thank you. If you can give a little more to help us out, I would greatly appreciate it. I'm truly amazed at the generosity of our parish. Thank you all for your support and prayers!

In Christ,

Fr. Dom

YARN WORKS UPDATE!

Yarn Works is a ministry at St. Ed's where parishioners knit squares that are put together as afghans for sick children. If you would like to take part in this ministry, please contact Beverly Birch at hulahoop9631@yahoo.com

Due to the elevator installation, the Yarn Works basket is now located behind the last pew. A container will be supplied for completed squares and afghans. Thanks to all of you for what you do for Yarn Works!



PRO-LIFE ALERT

There is a bill, SB818 that has passed the House and the Senate and is on Gov. Pritzker's desk waiting to be signed. "Keeping you Safe and Healthy Act" sounds harmless but it isn't. This Act creates sex ed standards for Grades K thru 5 and expands sex ed for Grades 6 thru 12. This personal information should come from parents in their home not from educators.

Please call Gov. Pritzker and ask him NOT to sign this bill, SB818.

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Cohesive Program Through 8th Grade	✓	
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NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

MASS		PRESIDER	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday July 3	4:30 PM	Fr. Jim McIlhone	Steve Shear & Laura Quigley	Wendy Shear
Sunday July 4	8:00 AM	Fr. James Kehoe	Kurt Anstet & Esther Nyberg	Julie Jozwik
Sunday July 4	9:30 AM	Fr. Dominic Clemente	Stuart Nyberg & Mary Ann Callaghan	Jennifer Hegener
Sunday July 4	11:00 AM	Fr. Jim McIlhone & Deacon Michael McManus	Alfonso Aguirre	Elsa Aguirre

GO GREEN AT ST. EDWARD with Faith in Place!
 Join us for an inspiring presentation on how our parish can care for creation on **Wednesday, June 30, 7:00pm in Unity Hall.**

Join us for an inspirational Engaging Faith in Place (eFIP) presentation where you can get to know more about Faith in Place and the healthy impact we can have together for our common home. We lift people and the environment up at the same time. You will hear inspiring stories about other houses of worship that started off just like you and the healthy impacts they are having today in their community. There is something for everyone as we explore our five program areas; Sustainable Land and Food Use, Water Preservation, Advocacy, Youth Empowerment, and Climate Change and Energy.

Youth Ministry Schedule



June 27
Mass & Bible Study

July 4
Independence Day - No Youth Group

July 11-15
TOTUS TUUS each night from 7:00-9:00pm

July 18
No Youth Group

July 25
Mass & Bible Study

August 1
No Youth Group

August 2-6
Service Week

Youth Group will meet in the Church and Unity Hall to keep social distance. Any teen in eighth through twelfth grade are welcome.

UPDATE TO COVID-19 TESTING SITES

COVID-19 TESTING SITES CLOSING 6/24/21

Northwest Side Housing
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COVID-19 TESTING SITES CLOSING 6/25/21

St. Stanislaus 2301 N Lorel Ave	Douglass Park 15th Place and California- Drive Thru 18th Street and California - Walk up	Gately Park 744 E 103rd St
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COVID-19 TESTING SITES UPDATED SCHEDULE AS OF 7/6/21

Midway Airport** please note this site will be closed on 7/5/21.
Parking Lot B

Monday 10am-2pm
 Tuesday 12pm-6pm
 Wednesday 10am-2pm
 Thursday 12pm-6pm
 Friday 10am-2pm





**Congratulations
Zyaire King, Avalisse Rose
& Sebastian Xavier
on your Baptisms!
Welcome to the Body of Christ!**

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOURS

This coming Friday, July 2nd there will be two Holy Hours. The first one is from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. and the second one is from 7:00 to 8:00PM. Both Holy Hours will end with Benediction. Please come for this special time of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Come and pray for peace in our country and for a safe holiday for our families.

RECYCLING AT ST. ED'S



We put out new recycling containers throughout the Church for PAPER products only. Thanks for helping us keep the church clean and protect God's creation!



PRO-LIFE FOOD DRIVE
Pro-Life Food Drive
Next weekend, July 3rd and 4th is our monthly Pro-Life Food Drive for St. Thomas of Canterbury Food Pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, paper products and personal hygiene items.

The people they serve still need help with these necessary items. Thanks for your continu9ng generosity to those in need.

**TEEN SERVICE WEEK 2021
August 2-6**

All high school teens are welcome to join our Teen Service week here at St. Ed's. During the week we will take on some projects here at the parish, travel to local food pantries and soup kitchens to be of service, and learn about our Catholic responsibility to serve the poor.

All teens entering 8-12th grade this fall are welcome to join us! Visit the parish website to download a permission form. Permission forms and \$100.00 payment are due by July 18.



Wedding Announcements



**Congratulations
Shannon (Reppen) & Omar Franco
on your wedding day!**

Your help is needed!

**Our Lady of Victory needs
your help!**

OLV parishioners are working on a documentary-style video to capture the history of their beloved parish before it closes later this year. Their video team is seeking help by collecting photos or videos of any special Masses, celebrations, graduations, parties, etc. that were at OLV parish or school. You can also make a monetary donation to help with the production costs. Donations can be made out and sent to: OLV Video Fund, 5211 W. Agatite, Chicago, 60630. Printed photos, CD's, and DVD's can be mailed or dropped off at the same address.

For more information or questions, please call the OLV rectory at 773-286-2950. Please call before dropping anything off to make sure someone is at the rectory.

www.ourladyofvictory.info

AT ONCE JESUS SPOKE TO
THEM, "TAKE COURAGE, IT IS
I; DO NOT BE AFRAID."

MT 14:27

**You can still watch
Holy Mass LIVE on YouTube!**

Even though public celebrations of Holy Mass are coming back to St. Ed's, we will continue to live-stream daily on YouTube. You can watch the 8:30am Mass every day, Monday through Saturday, and you can watch the 11:00am Mass on Sunday.

Have you not yet subscribed to our parish YouTube channel? It's easy and FREE! Go to www.youtube.com and search for **St. Edward Catholic Church**. Click the **subscribe** button and you will be notified whenever we go live or post a new video.



Saturday, June 26

Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30AM †James Waging

4:30PM †James P. Dolan

†Donald Manchester

Sunday, June 27

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM †Juan Mangaoang

9:30AM †Rev. Larry Maddock

11:00AM †Springfield Dominican Sisters

Monday, June 28

St. Irenaeus

8:30AM †Julita B. Carpio

Tuesday, June 29

St. Peter & Paul

8:30AM †Frances Pinello

All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, June 30

Weekend

8:30AM †Rec. Tom Portell

†Phyllis Michalik

†Marcial Costin

Thursday, July 1

St. Junipero Serra

8:30AM †Francis Cardinal George

Friday, July 2

Weekday

8:30AM †Edward Carleson

Saturday, July 3

St. Thomas

8:30AM Mae, Ed & Jim O'Donnell

4:30PM †Barbara McDonagh

†Donald Manchester

Sunday, July 4

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM †Dolores Madlener

9:30AM Don Manchester

11:00AM †U.S. Military Soldiers

†Elsie Sanoski

Prayer REQUESTS

Pray for the sick of our parish family:

Roger Africa
Mary Lou Agronomoff
Nathan Devan Arceo
Mary Anne Asakura
Edward Carleson
William Finkenstadt
Fr. Erwin Friedl
Henry Hammersten
Margaret Harkin
Maureen Hughes
Agnes Keresztes
Marianne Kramer
Elizabeth Rose Lyuksemburg
Gloria Mercado
Richard Pasierbowicz
Margaret Pitts
Kathy Schreiber
Kathy Sugars
Lourdes Vidal

And those serving our country:

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Collin John Jones
1st Lt. Randall Kester
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Ryan C. Loy
Daniel McCright
Joselito R. Mercado
Shane Murray
Sean Mayerbock
Sean O'Connor
Gretel Ypil, Odon
Matthew Olker
Danny Oresky,
Gavin Sustek SFC
Edward Swartz
Danielle Ulrich
Rachel Vega
Brian West

Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm
(Church open at 4:00 pm)

Sunday Masses at 8:00, 9:30 & 11 am
(Church open at 7:30 am)

Monday-Saturday: Mass at 8:30 am
(Church open at 8:00 am)

Confessions Saturday:
12:00-1:00 pm



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