

24<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." - Mk 8:34b



# Ramblings of a Parish Priest:

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Twenty years ago, I sat in my 6<sup>th</sup> grade science class when my principal came on the PA system and asked us to stop what we were doing and pray for those who died in a plane crash in New York. Not long after that, I was back in my homeroom (where our teacher had the news on our classroom TV), and my classmates and I watched the second plane hit the tower. I can remember, like many of us old enough to have memories, everything I did that day from the rest of school to being at home with my parents. I remember some of the conversations my friends and I had, especially friends who had parents working downtown. I remember how quiet it was the days after when there were no planes coming in and out of O'Hare (I grew up close to the airport). Out of all the memories, what I'm most proud of remembering is the unity we all had among ourselves. That day, and the weeks and months that followed, I don't remember fighting between liberals and conservatives; democrats and republicans; "my president" and "your president" language; or anything publicly divisive.

In fact, I remember the public push to continue living life "normally" by finishing the block party season, going to concerts, baseball games, etc. to show that our American lives won't be interrupted by an act of terrorism. Every house on my block and almost all in my neighborhood had American flags out, candles in windows, ribbons around trees, and other gestures of unity. Certainly, there were divisions and arguments over question of starting a war and what "just" retaliation should look like; however, those debates didn't diffuse or negate the unity we had as fellow Americans who mourned together after these awful attacks.

Social media, normal media, and regular conversations are full of divisive language that destroys communities. The list of "trigger words" that set someone off is almost the entire Websters Dictionary. Division is what seems to sell people to follow a certain news media group, celebrity, or social media platform. Division has even made its way into our One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church with Bishops publicly debating with other Bishops (our own Cardinal being one of the aggressive antagonists); priests being uncharitable on social media; various church leaders, both in the clergy and the lay faithful, spreading lies and gossip about other members of the Body of Christ. Any culture that breeds division is bound to die. We must start turning the tide toward a culture of unity that seeks communion, not division.

How can we start to build a culture of unity and communion? Think back twenty years ago to September 12 and beyond with every house having an American flag outside, a candle in their window, and ribbons on the trees. What are signs of unity we can promote today? Here are some suggestions:

- **Grow in the virtue of humility.** Pray the Litany of Humility daily! Look it up. It's a powerful prayer. By growing in this virtue, it will help you to know that not everyone needs to hear your opinion. It will remind you that you don't have the "magic words" to change someone's mind. It will also help you to forgive someone who offends you rather than "cancel" them. What's the best way to grow in humility? Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly (every 6-12 weeks).
- **Deepen your relationship and communion with Jesus Christ.** Cardinal George of happy memory didn't like the question, "what would Jesus do?" Cardinal George would respond, "*I don't know what Jesus would do, but I do know what He did!*" He meant that by knowing the scriptures and who Jesus Christ is, we allow ourselves to become more like Christ, and then the words and actions of Jesus naturally flow out of us. We deepen our relationship and communion with Christ by praying daily, reading the scriptures daily, and receiving the Eucharist regularly (at the minimum every Sunday).
- **Be kind.** It's really very easy to be kind. It's not hard at all. Unfortunately, it's just as easy to be a jerk. Humility and deepening your relationship with Jesus will help in this, but I know a lot of prayerful people who are jerks. Don't be a jerk! Be kind. I understand that when we stand up for injustice that we need to be bold but being bold doesn't mean being a jerk. I can stand up for someone being bullied by calling out the bully on their behavior. That's different by becoming a bully and mocking that person. That's when I'm being a jerk. I hope you can see the difference. If not, please go work on the first bullet point.
- **Take a break from social media.** Social Media has become a tool of the devil to spread seeds of division far and wide. Delete the apps, sign out, put the phone down, do whatever you need to take a break from social media. Maybe pick one or two days a week to have a social media fast. Do it together with everyone in your house. Taking a break from social media is good for the soul.

I want to end with a special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring our BBQ at our 9/11 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary Mass. I also want to thank in a very special way all our parishioners who serve our city as Firefighters, Police Officers, EMT's, medical professionals, and all first responders. We are kept safe because of your sacrifice and courage. Thank you for being braver than I and keeping us safe. Many of us run away from danger as you run toward it. Thank you.

In Christ,

Fr. Dom

# Big Red Golf Outing 2021

Hilldale Golf Club  
1625 Ardwick Drive  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169



Sunday, October 10th, 2021, 9am Shotgun

St. Edward Youth Program, which sponsors all athletic programs for St. Edward School, is hosting a golf outing to raise money for the Program.

**Golf is \$600 for a foursome before October 1st**

includes

- 4-person scramble and prizes for 1st, 4th, 8th place and most honest
- Golf goodie bag at check-in & Hot Dog and refreshments on course
- 3 closest to the pin holes, Ladies and Men's Long Drive, and optional Par 3 Land in the circle 50/50 hole for \$5 each
- 3 hour post golf party at the Irish American Heritage Center (3PM-6PM) with food, drink, and optional raffles.

Please Email with any questions or for sponsorship opportunities and donations to: [bigredgolfouting@gmail.com](mailto:bigredgolfouting@gmail.com)

**Only 30 foursomes can be accommodated, and spots fill fast!**

Payments can be made at this URL link:

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/347/30450,30451,30453,30454,30455,30456>

**The Big Red Golf Outing Committee Thanks You!**

## NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

MASS		PRESIDER	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	SERVERS
Saturday September 18	4:30 PM	Fr. McIlhone Deacon Smith	Sarah Pelrine Laura Quigley	Daniella Fuller	No Servers
Sunday September 19	8:00 AM	Fr. Dominic Clemente	Jenny Synder	James Bruton	No Servers
Sunday September 19	9:30 AM	Fr. McIlhone Deacon Smith	Jerome Lasky Emily Carlson	Kim Lasky	No Servers
Sunday September 19	11:00 AM	Fr. Kehoe Deacon Mike	Stuart Nyberg Mary Ann Callaghan	Susan Kukan	G. Velgara K. Velgara

**St. Edwards Cheerleaders fundraising Car Wash**

**\$10 PER CAR**

**Sunday, September 19  
9am - 12pm**

*Come get your car cleaned after Sunday Mass*

**IN FRONT OF ST. EDWARD SCHOOL**

Questions? Contact Daniela Fuller @ [dandiluke0820@yahoo.com](mailto:dandiluke0820@yahoo.com) or Kelly Bilbrey @ [kbilbrey@cubs.com](mailto:kbilbrey@cubs.com)

## Youth Ministry Schedule



- September 12- Mass & CHOSEN episode 4
- September 19- NET Retreat! 12:00-6:00pm
- September 26- Mass & CHOSEN episode 5
- October 3- Mass & CHOSEN episode 6
- October 10- No Youth Group - Columbus Day Weekend
- October 17- Mass & CHOSEN episode 7
- October 24- Mass & CHOSEN episode 8
- October 31- No Youth Group - Halloween

*Youth Group meets in the Church and Unity Hall. Any teen in 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome.*

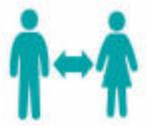
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**SPLIT-THE-POT**

AVAILABLE NUMBERS

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9	10		12	13	14	15	
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
	34	35	36		38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
49	50	51	52	53	54		

Congratulations to Chuck Decorie, (pictured), this week's \$100 winner, with Card #11, the 9 of Clubs. Get your tickets for next week's drawing after weekend Masses, at the rectory, at O'Donnell's, or online at <https://stedparish.org/king-of-hearts>

 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, September 12**  
 Youth Ministry, 7:00-8:30pm  
*Unity Hall*

**Monday, September 13**  
 Scouts BSA Meeting, 7:00pm  
*Unity Hall*  
 Women's Group, 7:00pm  
*Rectory Hall*  
 Baptism Preparation, 7:00pm  
*Counting Room*

**Tuesday, September 14**  
 RCIA, 7:00pm  
*Rectory Conference Room*  
 SEPO Meeting, 7:00pm  
**ZOOM**

**Wednesday, September 15**  
 Legion of Mary Meeting, 9:00am  
*Rectory Hall*

**Thursday, September 16**

**Friday, September 17**  
 Friday Night Lights Big Red Football,  
 7:00pm  
*Gompers Park*

**Saturday, September 18**

**Sunday, September 19**  
 High School Teen Retreat, 12:00-6:00pm  
*Church & Unity Hall*

**WOMAN'S GROUP MEETING  
 THIS MONDAY!**

The St. Edward Parish Women's Group will meet on Monday, September 13, at 7 p.m. in the rectory meeting room. This month's spiritual guide is St. Teresa of Avila. All women of the parish are welcome!

**FIRST FRIDAY HEALING MASS  
 7:00pm in Church**

Every First Friday we have Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00am-6:30pm, Benediction at 6:30pm, and a Healing Mass at 7:00pm.

All are welcome to attend the Healing Mass and receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick can be received by any baptized Catholic who is suffering in mind, body, or spirit.

# CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS!

NET Missionaries are coming to St. Ed's  
and leading a retreat next  
Sunday, September 19,  
12:00-6:00pm!

Come spend time with these awesome  
missionaries, play games, make new friends,  
and deepen your faith life. All are welcome!!

RSVP to Mr. Paul Minarik -  
[paul@stedparish.org](mailto:paul@stedparish.org)



## PARISH PILGRIMAGE

to St. Josephat Basilica in Milwaukee, WI.  
Wednesday, September 15, 9:30am-5:30pm

Join Fr. Dom and our new Director of Faith Formation,  
Paul Minarik, on a pilgrimage to St. Josephat Basilica!  
We will tour this beautiful church, celebrate Holy Mass,  
and stop for lunch. The cost of the pilgrimage is \$10.00  
(covers gas - lunch is on your own) and must be paid  
when signing up. Space is limited on our parish bus. Sign  
up in the rectory office. We will stop at a Culvers (or  
something equivalent) for lunch.

*\*Please note, you will be required to wear a mask on the  
bus per Archdiocese and State of Illinois COVID guidelines\**

## PRO-LIFE BILLS UPDATE

**BAD NEWS:** Governor Pritzker has signed the sex education bill.  
This will be taught in all schools in the state starting in  
kindergarten. This extreme bill backed by Planned Parenthood  
also removes abstinence education in the schools. Parents have  
the right to opt out of the sex ed classes. Also, school boards can  
reject these classes if the parents demand it.

**GOOD NEWS:** The Parental Notification bill was not repealed. It  
can still come up for a vote in the future but for now all minors  
will have to notify their parents that they getting an abortion.  
They do not need permission like the surrounding states require.

**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO WROTE OR CALLED ABOUT THESE  
TWO ILLINOIS BILLS.**



## PARISH CHOIR RETURNS / TIME TO JOIN

Everyone is welcome. The Saint Edward parish choir will begin  
rehearsals on Wednesday, September 8th at 7:30 pm in the church. The  
first sung mass will be the 11 am on October 3rd. There is no audition  
necessary. We have regular Wednesday rehearsals and generally sing  
at the 11 am Mass each Sunday. The repertory ranges from  
Renaissance to contemporary. Music is sent ahead of time with links for  
learning and practicing at home. Singing is a great way to praise God.  
For further information contact [richard@stedparish.org](mailto:richard@stedparish.org).



# St. Edward Parish Harvest Bash

Our annual Fall festival is our major fundraiser for the parish... a time for our community to get together for a good time, great prizes, amazing music, and exceptional food.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

### UNDERWRITING

- Roasted Pig: \$3,500
- Wine: \$800
- Music: \$2000
- Beer: \$600
- Decorations: \$400
- Hot Dogs: ~~\$350.00~~ Donated
- Desserts: \$300

### SPONSORSHIPS

- GOLD: \$750**  
Recognition in the parish bulletin, Facebook and at the event.
- SILVER: \$500**  
Recognition in the parish bulletin, and at the event.
- BRONZE: \$250**  
Recognition at the event.  
Includes recognition in the parish bulletin, on the parish website, Facebook and at the event.

### DONATIONS

- Cash
- Gift Cards for Prizes
- Purchase Raffle Tickets  
\$5 each or 5 for \$20
- Buy Tickets  
Adult advance tickets: \$20  
Adult tickets at the door: \$25  
Kids' tickets: \$10
- Volunteer

I would like make a donation to support St. Edward's Harvest Bash & Big Roast

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Purchase Tickets (indicate quantity): \_\_\_\_\_ Raffle Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Kids' Tickets

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  I wish to remain anonymous.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check made payable to St. Edward for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Please charge my credit card for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  MasterCard  Visa  Discover  AMEX

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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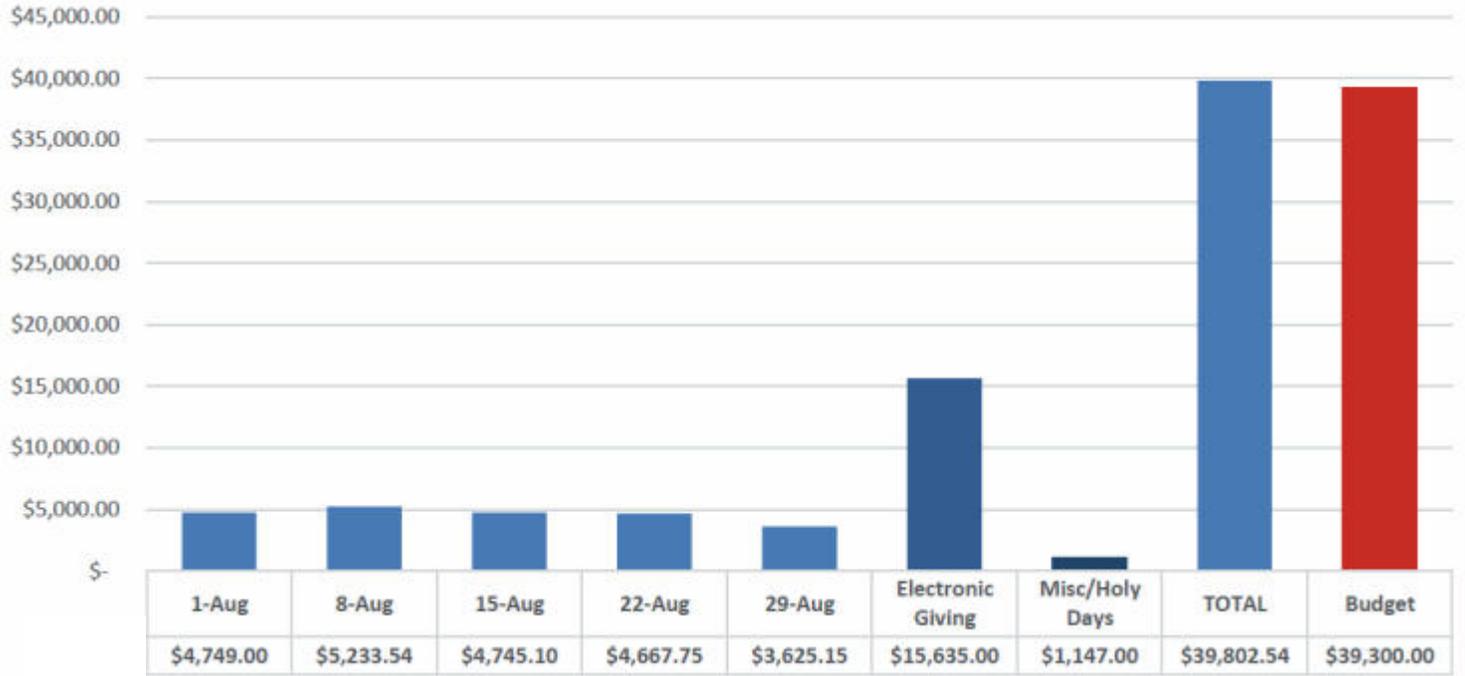
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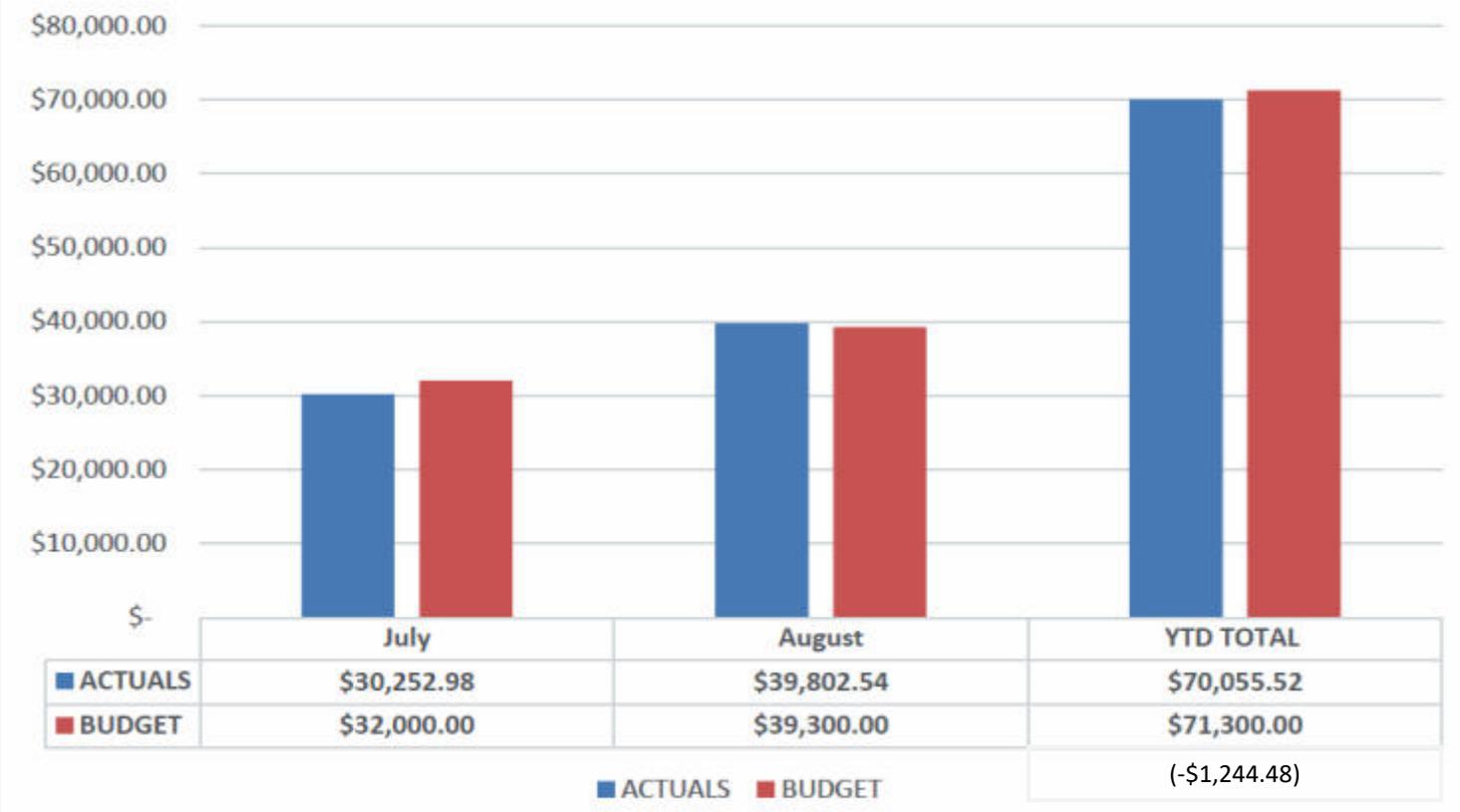
**SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS: September 5, 2021**

**\$3,153.69**

## AUGUST - OFFERTORY vs BUDGET



## MONTHLY & YTD TOTALS





**Saturday, September 11**

**8:30AM** †Daniel Conlan  
John Michael Naga

**4:30PM** †All Who Died on 9/11  
Florence Sampaolesi

**Sunday, September 12**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00AM** Daniela Corty

**9:30AM** †James P. Dolan

**11:00AM** †Grazia D'Agostino  
†Marie Dardugono

**Monday, September 13**

**St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**8:30AM** Mihu Schuster

**Tuesday, September 14**

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**8:30AM** †Marieth Dardugono

**Wednesday, September 15**

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

**8:30AM** All Souls in Purgatory  
Karen J. Bones  
Burcu Ozadali  
Victoria Valliant

**Thursday, September 16**

**St. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop**

**8:30AM** †Grazia D'Agostino  
Jessica Smith

**Friday, September 17**

**St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

**8:30AM** †Seaborn Davis  
†Jerry Neja

**Saturday, September 18**

**8:30AM** †Belen Jaquez  
Alis Gloria Rodriguez

**4:30PM** †Ella French

**Sunday, September 19**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00AM** †Br. Joel Dolan  
†Grazia D'Agostino

**9:30AM** †Judy Lizars  
Vincent Arcurf

**11:00AM** †Marieth Bardugono  
†John Burgess  
Judith Bach

## Prayer REQUESTS

*Pray for the sick of our parish family:*

Roger Africa  
Mary Lou Agronomoff  
Nathan Devan Arceo  
Mary Anne Asakura  
William Finkenstadt  
Fr. Erwin Friedl  
Henry Hammersten  
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:*

Juan Hernandez  
Collin John Jones  
1st Lt. Randall Kester  
Craig Lensegrav,  
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  
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## 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

## NEW SCHOOL YEAR – NEW ROUTINES!

As a new school year begins, this is often a time of year to re-start, or begin, good habits! It may be a better sleep schedule, managing our time to be more productive, getting to the gym, etc. It's not just students who need the routine and good habits, we adults do too!

Here are some Spiritual Habits to re-start or begin with this new school year. We don't need to wait for Advent, Lent, or New Years. Begin today!

- Pray Daily! Start with five minutes of silent prayer and slowly work your way up to a Holy Hour.
- Read the Sacred Scriptures daily! Here are the books to start with: Gospel of Mark, Gospel of Luke, and Acts of the Apostles. Once you finish those three, come talk to Fr. Dom or Fr. Jim.
- Attend Holy Mass during the week (Monday-Saturday) either in person or online. This is obviously in addition to Sunday Mass.
- Pray the Rosary daily! It takes 15 minutes. Pray it together with your family. Do this as part of your daily prayer time.
- Fast from meat (or another food/drink) on Fridays. This practice doesn't only have to be during Lent.
- Volunteer monthly to serve the poor. There are tons of places in Chicago that need help!
- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation every 4-6 weeks. We hear confessions every Saturday at 12:00pm in Church.
- Walk or ride your bike to Church instead of driving - help the environment!
- Take advantage of our paper recycling bin! You can recycle paper and cardboard products right next to our school building.
- Join a ministry here at St. Ed's! Check the website for our various ministries.
- Invite someone to join you for Holy Mass here at St. Edward. Help us evangelize our community!

These are some simple suggestions of good habits to start or rekindle as a new school year begins. Try as many as you can! If you fail, no worries, just try again!

*"The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face. The ideal is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things." (Laudato Si, #233)*



As we continue through this Season of Creation, which spans from September 1 through the Feast of St. Francis on October 4, we are invited as a parish and as individuals to reflect on our relationship with and care for our world--the humans, animals, plants, and other living and nonliving parts of creation. In addition to *taking action and advocating for change when it comes to taking care of our common home (for opportunities, see below and check out the Archdiocesan Season of Creation page, <https://bit.ly/3h8zdA9>)*, we are also invited to *cultivate an awareness of and appreciation for the many gifts of creation that surround us, big and small, as Pope Francis encourages us in Laudato Si. This week, take a few moments to do just that--whether in your backyard or garden, at a nearby park, or on a walk around your neighborhood--and to see God's work in it all.*

Here are a couple of upcoming events that our newly-formed Green Team will be hosting! If you'd like to join our efforts as a team member, please contact Kristen Schenk ([schenkkm@gmail.com](mailto:schenkkm@gmail.com)), Patrick Murphy ([padraig\\_murphy@hotmail.com](mailto:padraig_murphy@hotmail.com)), or Jenny Snyder ([littgensnyder@yahoo.com](mailto:littgensnyder@yahoo.com)). More details to come!

- Sunday, October 3 - Blessing of Pets
- October 11-17 - Bike and Walk to St. Ed's Week (culminating in a post-Mass celebration on Sunday, October 17)

Join the club!

## ST. EDWARD PARISH STEP CLUB



TICKETS: \$75 EACH OR 3 FOR \$200

MONTHLY DRAWINGS!

Tickets for the STEP Club are available in the vestibule of the church, from the rectory office or online. For more information visit the parish website at [www.stedparish.org](http://www.stedparish.org).

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Questions? Email: Wendy Shear – [wshear1012@gmail.com](mailto:wshear1012@gmail.com) or

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