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May 9, 2021

6th

SUNDAY OF EASTER

"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love." - Jn 15:10

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Noon Wednesday**

5:30pm Thursday

9:00am Friday

5:00pm Saturday**

9:30am Sunday

**These Masses are live streamed to our website and our YouTube channel

Drive-Up Holy Communion

10:30am Sunday, lower level parking lot

Eucharistic Adoration

3:00pm Sunday in the Chapel

Rosary

6:00pm Thursday in the Church

Reconciliation

Contact Fr. Rick to request a confession.

Sacrament of Anointing

Contact Fr. Rick to request an anointing.

If you or a family member are ill contact Mia Ah Sani, Director of Pastoral Care.

Baptism

Call Donna Rubio, Director of Community Life, to register for Baptism preparation.

Marriage

Contact Donna Rubio, Director of Community Life; six months to one year preparation time required.

Parish Leadership

Molly Mitch, *Trustee*

Peter Smyth, *Trustee*

Parish Council

Chair Steve Madej

Vice Chair Michele Cowling, *Social Justice*

John Cotter, *Worship*

Angie Dunbar, *Faith Formation*

Randy Jenniges, *At-Large*

Tom Kent, *Administration*

Maureen Larson, *Pastoral Care*

Patsy Murphy, *Community Life*

Fr. Rick Banker, *Pastor*

Mike Petruconis, *Parish Administrator*

LITURGY & MUSIC



Prayer for an End to the Sin of Racism in Our Land

Leader:

Pope Francis exhorts us with these words: "My friends, we cannot turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion of any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life." (Message to the U.S. June 3, 2020)

And so we pray:

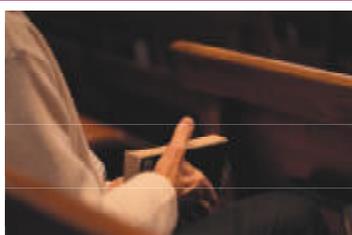
Community:

God of Heaven and Earth, you created the one human family and endowed each person with great dignity. Aid us, we pray, in overcoming the sin of racism. Grant us your grace in eliminating this blight from our hearts, our communities, our social and civil institutions. Fill our hearts with love for you and our neighbor so that we may work with you in healing our land from racial injustice. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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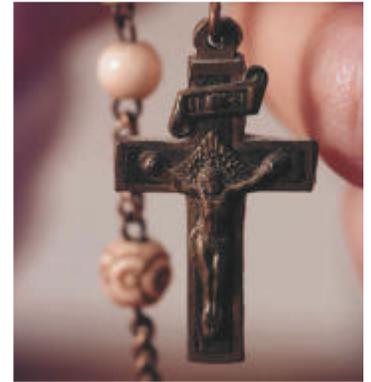
Join us Wednesday through Sunday for Mass in the church. Find the schedule at

stedwardschurch.org
NO SIGN-UP REQUIRED

DRIVE-UP HOLY COMMUNION

Sundays, 10:30-11:00am in the lower level parking lot

THE MONTH OF MAY IS DEVOTED TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



ADORATION

Join us for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration, Sundays in the chapel from 3:00 to 4:00pm

ROSARY

Join us in praying the Rosary on Thursdays at 6:00pm in the church, following evening Mass

WEEK OF MAY 9

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sunday, 9:30am ----- Janet Vavra †
- Wednesday, noon ----- Marilyn Kursu †
- Thursday, 5:30pm ----- Edwin Penz †
- Friday, 9:00am ----- George & Mary Jane Mehr †
- Saturday, 5:00pm ----- "RJ" Richard Ruppert †
- Next Sunday, 9:30am ----- Brian Lutgens †

READINGS

- Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]
1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
- Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]
Jn 15:26—16:4a
- Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
- Friday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
- Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday:** Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]
Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Criteria for Membership on the Parish Council

Last Sunday's bulletin described the important role of the Parish Council in the life of our parish community. This week's focus is on the criteria for Council membership.

There is no particular background or experience necessary for service in this vital ministry. On the contrary, the Council is comprised of members of varying occupations and with differing interests and skill sets.

What all Council members should possess are certain qualities that will help increase their effectiveness in this role. One is the ability to see the big picture of the entire parish, rather than concentrating on a single ministry area or issue. As the Council's primary job is to look ahead and plan for our parish's future, a Council member must be able to dream and envision what that future might and should look like. Also important is a willingness and ability to listen to others, to get involved in one of the six parish commissions, and to collaborate in consensual decision-making. Parish Council members should also have an active prayer/spiritual life and possess an enthusiasm about St. Edward. Finally, they must be at least eighteen years of age, be willing to attend the monthly Council meetings, and be willing to serve a three-year term.

If you possess these qualities and feel called to serve your parish, please consider nominating yourself for our Parish Council. You may also nominate someone else you believe would be right for this ministry.

Parish Council Nomination & Discernment Process: Discernment is a way of decision-making that calls on the Holy Spirit to lead or show the church and its members what God wants them to do and be.

Take time to reflect on the information included in this and past bulletins. Consider your own gifts for service to the parish and prayerfully consider if you are being called to serve on our Parish Council.

STEP 1: Call from St. Edward's Community for nominees to become Parish Council candidates; ends May 16

STEP 2: Discernment Process for candidates answering the call

STEP 3: Ritual to select new Parish Council members at Pentecost Mass

Blank nomination cards and drop boxes for completed cards are available in the chapel vestibule and church foyer. Completed cards may also be placed in the collection basket during Mass. If you prefer, you may fill out an online form on our website. (Find the Parish Council Discernment Process article on our home page under News & Announcements.) Or email your nomination to Mike Petruconis, Parish Administrator at mpetruconis@stedwardschurch.org.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & CHARITY



Mother's Day Baby Shower Collection

Collecting Baby
Supplies through
Sunday, May 9

All donations will benefit Birthright of Minneapolis and Southwest Options for Women (SWOW) in Eden Prairie. These two agencies offer help to women dealing with a crisis pregnancy. It's not too late to view the list and sign up online:

<https://tinyurl.com/StEdward-BabyShower-2021>

Place wish list items in the designated bins in the chapel or in the church foyer. The chapel is open daily from 8am to 8pm.

Door 4 is open to the church foyer during weekend Masses and during office hours.

Cash/check donations can be dropped off using Door 4 during office hours, or placed in the drop box in the chapel vestibule from 8am to 8pm daily. Please write "Baby Shower Collection" on the memo line of your check.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

DUDLEY FUND UPDATE This emergency fund is used to help people who are in a financial crisis to pay a bill. It helps with things like rent, utility bills, medical bills, fixing a car, medical expenses, and various other necessary expenses. Although it's been around for many years, it has taken on more importance during the pandemic as an unprecedented amount of people, already living paycheck to paycheck, have lost their jobs.

Through very generous donations from parishioners, we have continued to help many people make ends meet during the pandemic. Since December 1, we have paid out over \$37,000 in bills. The balance of the Dudley Fund is currently \$23,000.

If you would like to contribute to this emergency fund, or if you need help, contact Mia Ah Sani at 952-835-7101.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING Special gifts collected during Lent raised \$1,780 for **Oasis for Youth**, and another \$1,780 for **VEAP**.

40 Days for Life Update

God is using the witness of pro-life people to save innocent unborn lives! Throughout Lent, many people praying outside hundreds of abortion clinics across the world led to **755 babies being saved**. After talking with sidewalk counselors and deciding against abortion, the mothers were referred to pregnancy resource centers for ongoing support. **Also during the campaign, seven abortion workers quit, and three abortion clinics closed.** To watch videos of the vigils, and hear interviews, visit: www.40daysforlife.org.



Hannah & Adam

were joined in the
**Sacrament of
Marriage**
at St. Edward
on Saturday, May 1

Congratulations!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SPRING STUDY SERIES

Week Five: Matrimony and Holy Orders

Wednesday, May 12, 6:30pm

The Sacrament of Matrimony helps couples to grow in sacrificial love and unity, giving them the grace to love each other with the love of Christ for his Church. The mission entrusted by Jesus to his Apostles continues to be exercised today by bishops, priests, and deacons through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Why is vocation central to our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ?

Two options to access Zoom meetings:



Call in on any phone for audio only by dialing 1-312-626-6799. Meeting ID: 875 8224 6487



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PART TWO

SYMBOLON
THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

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FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Synod Update

How can we as a Church better pass-on our beautiful Catholic faith whether in our homes or in the broader world?

The Archdiocesan Synod kicks into high gear **this fall** and your input is needed to help Archbishop Hebda chart the course for this local Church.

St. Edward will be forming small groups to discuss and give feedback on priorities within each Synod focus area. Each group will meet for six sessions between September 19 and November 14. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins or visit archspm.org/synod.



PASTORAL CARE

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thank you to all those who contributed this past year:

Diann Brennin, Sharon Costello, Jenny Jette, Joanne Kocon, Marion Luisi, Betty Lewandowski, Nancy Nagel, Gloria Pope, Jennifer Postler, Victoria Stoffel, Carla Stevenson, Nancy Vranicar and Eileen Woolard.

Grief Support Virtual Spring Series

Speakers and support sessions from the Bloomington-Richfield Grief Support Coalition will be on Zoom from 4:30 to 6:00pm.

May 13: Grief and Resiliency *Catherine Duncan*

May 20: How to Go Back to Familiar Places *Rev. Kenneth DeFore*

Questions? Contact Barb at kaminskibd@gmail.com

PRAY FOR THE SICK, THOSE NAMED BELOW & ALL LISTED IN THE BOOK OF PRAYER

Brian Brixius
Sally Burns
Pat Determan
Mary Holmay
Richard Holmay

Scott Ingram
Joan Jensen
Maureen Johnson
Nancy Osterling
Donald Rebertus

Carol Reichow
Carol Sausser
Mollie Sherry

Note: Names are removed from this list after three months. Call the parish office add or request a name remain on the list.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Year-End Wrap Up

SACRAMENTS

Please let us know if you have NOT received an email regarding specific details for this sacrament:

First Eucharist is Sunday, May 16 at 2:00pm.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School meets with Coordinator Bridget Grotins at 10:30am on Zoom through the month of May.

For questions or more information about Faith Formation contact the parish office or visit the Faith Formation youth page: stedwardschurch.org/faith-formation



Faith Sharing Groups

Both groups will continue through the end of May:

Women's Group, Mondays, 7:00pm Meeting ID: 846 3516 2418

Men's Group, Thursdays, 7:30pm Meeting ID: 823 0252 7143

Two options to access meetings:



Call in on any phone for audio only by dialing 1-312-626-6799



Use your computer, tablet or smartphone (with or without video)

Enter the Meeting ID shown above for the group you want to join, or use the Zoom links on the [Adult Faith](#) page.

ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

Debt Reduction Update

The Church of St. Edward is blessed in many ways, one of which is that we have very little debt. There were two projects for which we borrowed funds. One was the worship technology upgrades and worship space reconfiguration. Partially financed through the Catholic Finance Corporation, the current balance is approximately \$245,000. The other project was the parking lot lighting upgrade, with a current balance of approximately \$20,500.

Beginning in March, a quarterly envelope marked "Debt Reduction" was added. This option also appears on our online giving page. Donations we receive with this designation will be used to accelerate our debt payments. Since the lighting loan carries no interest, it makes sense to focus on paying down the worship technology loan. Thanks to everyone who has made a contribution towards this loan in the last two months, we have been able to pay down almost \$4,800 of additional principal on the loan. This will save us money on interest payments over time.

Please consider donating to help St. Edward pay off its debt faster. In an effort to encourage parishes to pay down debt, the Archdiocese does not assess any donations designated for this objective. We thank you for your generosity!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offertory May 1/2 Sunday offertory funds all ministries, operations, and pays for repairs.	Envelope	\$ 13,569
	Electronic	3,809
	Plate	329
	Weekly Total	\$ 17,707
	Special Gifts	\$ 320

FY21 Annual Budgeted Revenue \$1,355,742

March 2021		Year-to-Date*	
Offertory	\$ 73,635	Actual	\$ 1,039,487
Electronic Offertory	27,115	Budgeted	\$ 1,017,742
Monthly Total	\$ 100,750	Difference	\$ 21,745
Special Gifts	\$ 50,048	Special Gifts**	\$ 172,212

*Current as of 3.31.21 **Not budgeted

Reception Volunteers

St. Edward is currently looking for a few interested volunteers to be "on call" as backup reception assistance. The role would involve general reception duties such as answering the phone, sorting mail, and greeting visitors at the main office. Typical opportunities for service are times when a staff person has a medical appointment, is out sick, or is on vacation. It is a great way to stay connected with fellow parishioners and to be a part of the daily goings-on. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Diane Swenson at 952-835-7101 or at receptionist@stedwardschurch.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Parking Lot Maintenance

You may have been surprised recently to see fresh blacktop on the upper parking lot. Originally the parish was planning to set aside funds to save up for a complete reconstruction at a cost of approximately \$500,000 for all the lots. After consultation with various vendors, we were advised that our lots are structurally sound, and would be good candidates for a "mill and overlay" treatment. This typically gives the lots a new 15-year life span at less than half the cost of reconstruction. We can do the work in phases, so that each year we take on a new section. This spreads out the cost, saves money over reconstruction, and gives us a good way to maintain the lots over time. This year we are concentrating on the upper lot since it had the most areas of failing material. Many thanks to the Buildings and Grounds committee for their assistance in planning this project.

Join the Finance Council!

The Church of St. Edward is seeking one or two new members for our Finance Council. The Council is a consultative body which makes recommendations to the Pastor concerning the temporal goods of the parish. The Council usually meets about once per month except for July. The parish is seeking those who might have skills and gifts concerning financial matters, such as finance professionals, business owners, managers, accountants, and even those who might be beginning their journey into such fields. However, one does not have to be a financial professional in order to bring a balanced and wholistic perspective to the Finance Council. If you or someone you know has an interest or "knack" for financial matters, please consider volunteering for this important role. Contact Mike Petruconis at mpetruconis@stedwardschurch.org for more information.

The leadership and staff remain committed to supporting you on your spiritual journey and keeping you spiritually connected to the parish and each other.

Stay involved by monitoring our parish website and social media for news and event updates, online Masses and more!

If you need to make an appointment with a member of the staff, contact them using these emails or call the parish office.

- **Pastor**
- Fr. Rick Bankerrbancker@stedwardschurch.org
- **Parish Administrator**
- Mike Petruconis ..mpetruconis@stedwardschurch.org
- **Administrative Assistant**
- Diane Swenson ...receptionist@stedwardschurch.org
- **Liturgy Coordinator**
- Mary Kay Hirdmkhird@stedwardschurch.org
- **Director of Communications**
- Celeste Morris.....cmorris@stedwardschurch.org
- **Director of Pastoral Care, Social Justice**
- Mia Ah Sanimahsani@stedwardschurch.org
- **Director of Community Life & Adult Formation**
- Donna Rubiodrubio@stedwardschurch.org
- **Director of High School & Digital Ministries**
- Patrick Smalleypsmalley@stedwardschurch.org
- **Director of Faith Formation: Birth to Gr. 8**
- Nicole Smalleynsmalley@stedwardschurch.org
- **Director of Music**
- Andrew Walkerawalker@stedwardschurch.org
- **Facilities Maintenance Manager**
- Tommy Polsontpolson@stedwardschurch.org
- **Accountant**
- Linda Voslvos@stedwardschurch.org

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