JANUARY 30, 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTOR

REV. PETER B. LISZEWSKI SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm Sunday: 9:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday @ 8:00am Friday @ 8:00am No Mass on Thursdays

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:00pm to 3:30pm or by appointment

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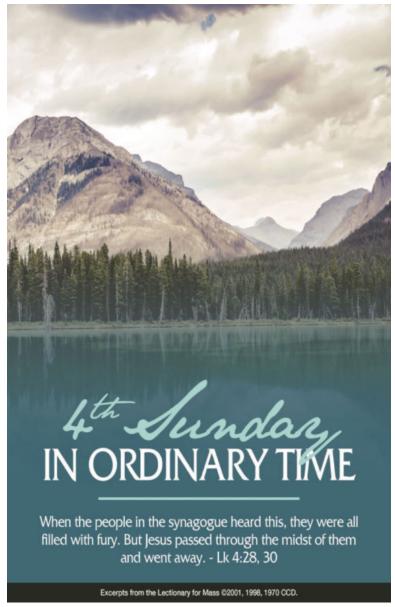
Parish Secretary: Mrs. Mary Lucia Monday-Friday @ 8:00am - 4:00pm

For Bulletin Notices

email: stedwardparish@stedward-stafford.org By Monday @ 3:00pm

ST. EDWARD MISSION STATEMENT

The Parish Family of St. Edward the Confessor, a Roman Catholic faith community, strives to be the living expression of Christian faith in our worship and in our community by welcoming all who seek to enrich their relationship with our one true God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



It's Never Too Early to Begin Your Lent and Easter Preparations!

On March 2nd, Ash Wednesday will mark the beginning of Lent with the distribution of ashes to all the faithful. As part of y our preparations, please remember to drop off your palm branches from last year, so that we can burn them on at our Mardi Gras Party (March 1st) and distribute them on Ash Wednesday (March 2nd). Starting the weekend of February 12th and 13th, baskets will be available for you to drop off your palms at all the entrances to the church and at the church office.

Although giving up bad habits for Lent has always been crucial, developing and practicing good habits can be just as rewarding and will impact so many more people. During this time of Covid and selfies and texts, we are loosing the habits of caring about our family, neighbors, fellow Catholics and friends. A smile, a simple word, and an act of kindness will make such a difference in how others perceive Christ in us. The more we practice kind interactions, the more these loving habits will become an integral part of our daily spiritual life.

As Pope Benedict XVI wrote in: "The purpose of Lent." from <u>Dogma and Preaching</u> (San Francisco, CA: Ignatius Press, 2011). "Our world is so full of what immediately impinges on our senses that we are in danger of seeing only details and losing sight of the whole. It takes effort to see beyond what is right in front of us and to free ourselves from the tyranny of what directly presses upon us."

As you start to focus on Lent and the Easter Season, prepare for it as a time of penance, *and renewal*, for you as a person, and as a neighbor and friend to all those in need.

Please keep checking the bulletin and website at: https://www.stedward-stafford.org for updates about our upcoming Lenten and Easter Season activities.

STAFFORD PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Stafford Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second Monday of each month except July and August in the Stafford Public Library from 2:00-3:00p.m. The date of the next meeting will be on **Monday, February 14, 2022.** We welcome individuals who would like to attend and knit, crochet, or quilt these much needed prayer shawls. (We'll even teach you to knit or crochet!) Join in a ministry that brings God's grace, peace, comfort, love, joy, and hope to those in need. If you cannot make the meeting but want to make prayer shawls at home, we'll even pick them up. If you or your pastor knows of anyone who could use a prayer shawl, we'll arrange for one to be picked up. Please contact Karen at 860-982-5896 or Kathy at 860-684-9484 for information or pick up arrangements.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

NOTE: If the library is closed due to weather, the Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting will be cancelled also.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, January 29, 2022
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm †EDWARD & †PAULINE PALACKO, SR.
by Dorothy, Sandy & Sharon

Sunday, January 30, 2022 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am †MARGARET MAYNARD by Noreen Passardi and family & siblings

Monday, January 31, 2022 Saint John Bosco 8:00am SPECIAL INTENTION

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 8:00am FR. STEVEN FRENIER by Jane & Jim Svjek 9am-12 noon ADORATION

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 The Presentation of the Lord 8:00am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Thursday, February 3, 2022 NO MORNING MASS

Friday, February 4, 2022
First Friday
8:00am †JOSEPH HURCHALA AND
†MICHAEL ZUK, JR. by the family

Saturday Vigil, February 5, 2022 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00pm †NICHOLAS ROSE by Bobby & Dolores DePellegrini & family

Sunday, February 6, 2022 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am †ALLEN PEIROLO by his family



Sanctuary Candle

Burns this week in memory of Justin Castle by Linda Roy

Blessed Mother Mary Candle

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Saint Joseph Candle

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

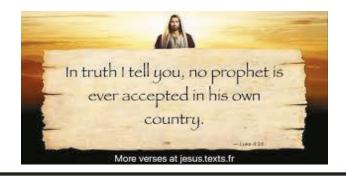
Sunday, January 30
Coffee & Donuts will be served in the hall after the 9am Mass
5:00-7:00pm Confirmation Class-Church

<u>Tuesday, February 1</u> 9:00am-12 noon Adoration - Church

Wednesday, February 2
6:30pm Cub Scout Pack 81-Parish Center
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 81-Parish Hall

<u>Thursday, February 3</u> 6:30pm Book Club-Parish Hall

Sunday, February 6
Coffee & Donuts will be served in the hall after the 9am Mass



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