



ST. EDWARD CHURCH & SCHOOL

A Roman Catholic Community



September 19, 2021
Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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*25th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME*

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,
receives me." - Mk 9:37a

WEEK ENDING	WEEKLY GOAL	WEEKLY OFFERING	ON-LINE OFFERING	WEEKLY SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	COMMUNITY FUND OFFERING	HAITI WEEKLY OFFERING
09/04/21	\$23,000	\$9,645	\$7,622	(\$5,733)	\$1,029	\$250
09/11/21	\$23,000	\$5,832	\$9,394	(\$7,774)	\$130	\$252

Mass Intentions

9/20 Mon.	8:00 AM	Kerri Hall +
9/21 Tue.	8:00 AM	Vince & Sarah House
9/22 Wed.	8:00 AM	Jeanette Biaocco +
9/22 Wed.	5:30 PM	Zoro Koffi Messanh +
9/23 Thurs.	8:00 AM	Andrew Westray +
9/24 Fri.	8:00 AM	Alison Walton +
9/25 Sat.	8:00 AM	Cecilia Estrada +
9/25 Sat.	5:00 PM	Scott Edward Nance +
9/26 Sun.	8:00 AM	St. Edward Parish
9/26 Sun.	10:30 AM	David Ouma + & Elisha Otieno +
9/26 Sun.	12:15 PM	Leslaw Okarma



*Please keep the following people
in your prayers:*

Nick Rankin, Gene & Denise Clardy, Keith Townsend, Connie Gowder, Diana Kendrick, Jeannene Mackie, and Tommy Natcher

Welcome to St. Edward Roman Catholic Church

The St. Edward community has been serving Nashville and its surrounding area for over 65 years. We are a parish of believers, rich in tradition and diversity including over 1,200 registered families and a school with approximately 150 students attending Pre-K 3 through 8th grade.

We provide an atmosphere in which parishioners of all ages and cultures share faith through Sacramental and Liturgical celebrations, on-going faith-formation, and other social and spiritual events which enable us to connect our faith with the world in which we live.

Whether it is your first time here at St. Edward or a return visit, we are very happy to have you with us. Please come back and worship often.

If you would like to join the parish, please call the parish office at **615-833-5520**, or register on-line at www.stedward.org

Office Hours:

Monday -Thursday 8:30am to 4:00pm; Friday 8:30am to 3pm.

Friday-closed in summer. Office is closed weekends.

Mass Intentions:

Schedule a Mass for a specific person, occasion or situation. Call or stop by the office to have a Mass celebrated.

Mass Announcements:

Requests for Mass announcements should be made in the church office by Thursday @ 10:00am and not prior to Mass times.

Bulletin Announcements Requests:

Bulletin announcements must be submitted by Thursday @ 1:00pm to be considered for the following weeks edition. Call Sarah in the church office or email bulletin@stedward.org.

Subject to change due to holidays. Requests for prayer may be made by phone or on-line at StEdward.org/prayer-request

Welcome to our newest members:

*Christine Amberg, Rebecca Miranda,
Michael Haines, Erick Agyemang,
Roxanne Ross & Gilbert Gann, and
Don Kyung & Dal Za Tuanh*

**Start Date:
September 26th**

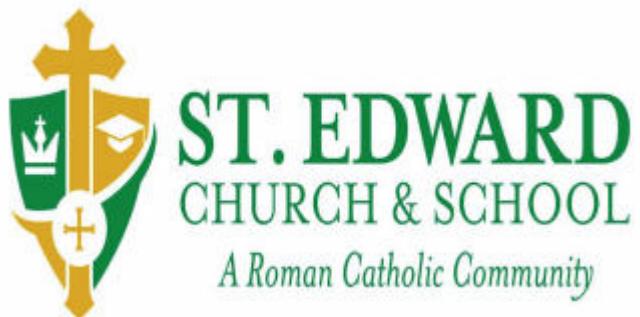
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Explore the Church's teaching on the second coming of Christ and the Last Judgment. Understand how God, the Divine Bridegroom, and the Church, his spotless bride, enter into a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage every time we celebrate Mass. Visit StEdward.org to sign up.

9:15-10:15AM CARRELL ROOM
SUNDAYS **STARTING SEPT. 19**



Employment Opportunities Available In Our Catholic Community

Director of Faith Formation

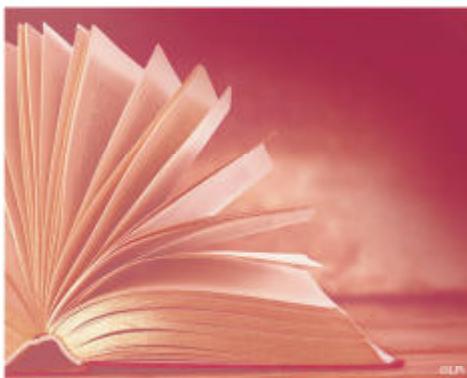
We are seeking qualified candidates for the position of Director of Faith Formation in our parish (formerly "Director of Religious Education"). This individual works primarily to promote, cultivate, and foster the catechetical and spiritual formation of parishioners of all ages. The Director of Faith Formation is a member of the pastoral team responsible for our catechetical programs, including Religious Education, RCIA, Adult Faith Formation, and other formation opportunities in the parish (retreats, guest speakers, parish missions, etc.). The ideal candidate will be an innovative and practical individual, motivated by a love of our Catholic faith and willing to work with parish staff and volunteers to direct all catechetical initiatives and meet the challenges of a post-pandemic parish.

For consideration, please email cover letter and resume to swilgenbusch@stedward.org

Part Time Accounting Clerk:

The Business office is seeking applicants for a part-time Accounting Clerk. This position is primarily responsible for processing cash receipts and accounts payable.

An interested candidate should e-mail a letter of interest and a resume to tosborne@stedward.org

**FIRST READING**

Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him. (Wis 2:20)

**PSALM**

The Lord upholds my life. (Ps 54)

**SECOND READING**

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. (Jas 3:18)

**GOSPEL**

"The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." (Mk 9:31)

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**WORSHIP & MEDITATION****GOSPEL MEDITATION****Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING to the Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The View from the Back of the Line

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Why are Catholics required to fast before Communion?

Answer:

How we prepare for an important event helps us with the intentionality of our actions and raises our awareness. We prepare our house for guests. We wash our car before an important trip. We create a nursery for a newborn child. All of these actions heighten our senses for what is about to come.

The fast required by canon law before holy Communion has its roots in Jewish spiritual practices. We fast for cleansing and to demonstrate our reliance on God. Catholics used to fast for much longer periods of time, but it was Pope Paul VI in 1964 who set the time at one hour in an attempt to encourage people to receive the holy Eucharist more frequently. That one-hour observance allows us to pause and reflect on what we will participate in in the very near future. We deny our bodies so that we can focus more clearly on the Body of Christ that we will consume.



Some frequently asked questions about A Legacy of Faith, Hope and Love Campaign:

How much will I be expected to give to the campaign?

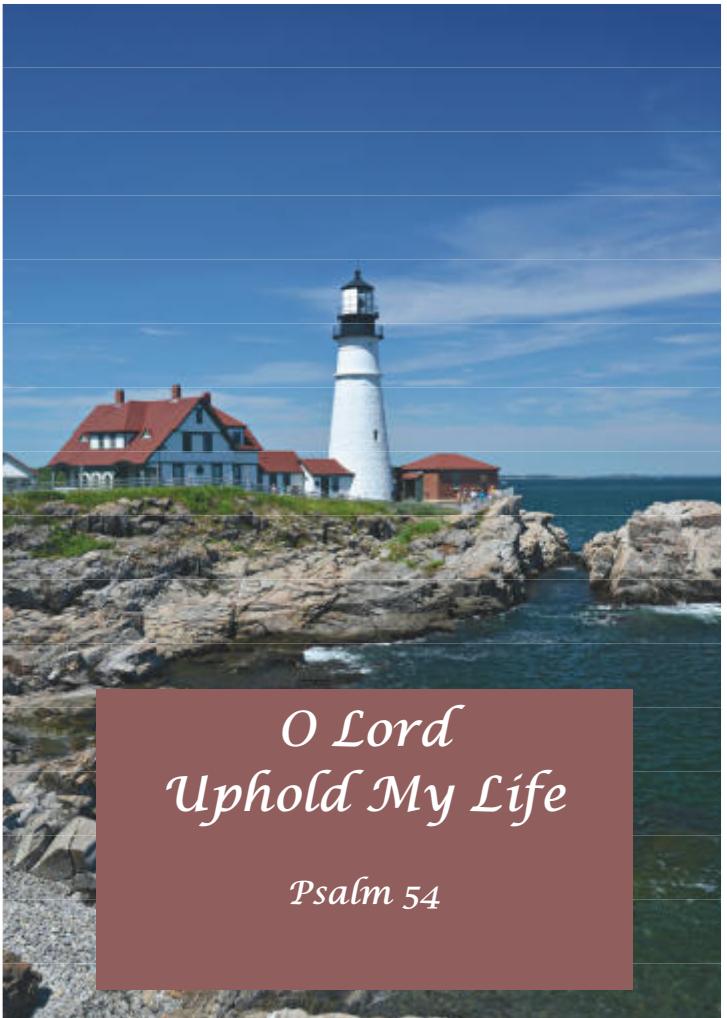
You will be invited to consider prayerfully a specific sacrificial pledge to the campaign. How much you end up pledging is, of course, your own faith-guided decision. According to the U.S. Bishops' 1992 Pastoral Letter, Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, all we have is a gift from God. We give out of gratitude for our blessings and are asked to return to God in proportion to the blessings we have received. In this way our gift takes on spiritual significance and contributes to our sanctification.

What kind of financial transparency can we expect during the campaign and beyond?

Transparency is a top priority for the Diocese of Nashville. Summaries of diocesan financial reports from past years are on the diocesan website, and copies of the full reports are available from the diocese's financial office. Regular updates on campaign goals, projects and fundraising will be communicated during the campaign through a number of avenues – bulletins, emails, social media, the Tennessee Register, just to name a few.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration For The Week

What does it mean to be God's servant? In essence, it means being willing to call the world back to its childlike innocence, showing all that a joy-filled playfulness has a place in life. The servant of God serves to foster the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is not a sterile, unhappy, strict, and rigid reality. It is quite the opposite. It is a kingdom devoid of jealousy and selfish ambition where peace, gentleness, mercy, and good works abound. To be a servant of this kingdom means that selfish ambition must be set aside so that others can be first, and justice pursued at all cost. The prayer of this kind of servant is not focused on self-advancement or need. Rather, the servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. In this way, we who are servants can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led by God. We can then be used to lay the cornerstones of the kingdom: faith, hope, and love. It is upon these that God's firm dwelling is built. Accepting this call may place us last in the world's eyes but first in God's.



*O Lord
Uphold My Life*

Psalm 54

Community Events

Join the Over Fifty and Nifty folks for lunch at Cracker Barrel located on Sidco Dr. All are welcome Thursday, September 23rd at 1pm. If you have any questions please call Sarah in the Church Office at **615-833-5520**.

Father Ryan Invites you to campus on September 23rd from 9:30-11am for an **Academic Blend**. We will present an in-depth look into Father Ryan's curriculum for parents of eighth graders, and you will have the opportunity to tour our newly renovated Academic building, observe classes in session, and meet members of our Senior Staff. Go to fatherryan.org/visit to RSVP.

Father Ryan welcomes all area grade school students as our guests for our **Junior Irish Night**. Come dressed in Halloween costumes and make plans to join us outdoors on Friday, October 1 from 5-7pm on Father Ryan's Academic Lawn. Enjoy games and music before cheering on the Irish football team! Make sure to RSVP and reserve your child's sway bag at: fatherryan.org/juniorirish.

St. Cecilia Academy Golf Classic: Registration is now open for the Annual SCA Golf Classic on October 18th. All proceeds from this sell-out event benefit all SCA Athletic programs. Become a sponsor this year and be a part of this fun event!
<https://www.stcecilia.edu/athletics/golf-classic>

St. Cecilia Academy is launching an after-school Dance Academy for girls ages 3-14. From its new, state-of-the-art dance studio, St. Cecilia Dance Academy (SCDA) will provide budding dancers in the Nashville area with excellent training in the techniques, communication, and artistry of dance. Please join us for a full complement of classes for the 2021-22 school year, taught by experienced instructors with degrees in dance and dance pedagogy. In addition to classes for children, SCDA offers adult tap and fitness classes for persons 16 years and older. Please find more information and registration details at our website. We look forward to dancing with you! www.stcecilia.edu/scda



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