



# Summer NEWSLETTER

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## September 9

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**FAMILY FUN**



**FEAST RAFFLE**



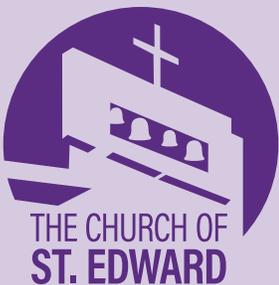
**GAMES & PRIZES**



**FEAST LUNCH**



**BINGO**



**THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD**

# Community Life



## VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION

There was a great turnout on Saturday, June 9 for the 2018 Volunteer Celebration. Although the weather did not cooperate to hold “Mass on the Grass” outdoors as planned, it didn’t dampen anyone’s enthusiasm for the rest of the evening. Contemporary Music instrumentalists were featured before and during Mass, and a special blessing was offered for all the volunteers during the Mass.

After Mass, over 200 of St. Edward’s volunteers became the VIPs. They walked the red carpet to enter the social hall, which was decorated for the occasion with gold stars and balloons. Dinner was served buffet style, and the office staff was on hand to greet the guests, refill food and clear tables.

During dinner, the VIPs were invited to share their volunteer experiences with others at their table. Each VIP received a gold star to write on, giving them the opportunity to share their name and volunteer experience or memory.

More pictures of the event are on our Facebook page!

*Top: Mass included contemporary music.  
Middle: Guests arrived through the “VIP” entrance to a buffet dinner.*

*Bottom: Thank you to our many volunteers!*



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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN COMMUNITY LIFE

### Welcome Committee

Remember the time you first joined a group? What made you feel welcomed? The members of the Welcome Committee plan events and provide support to new parishioners. Please join the team and share your gifts of hospitality!

### The Community Life Events Committee

We need your ideas! The Community Life Events Committee plans quarterly event that are for all parishioners. Bring a friend or two and let’s plan some fun community building events together!



## THE FEAST RAFFLE

Raffle tickets will not be mailed this year, instead they will be sold after all weekend Masses throughout August and September until the day of the Feast. During office hours, you can stop by the parish office to purchase tickets.

Exciting prizes, including a \$1,000 cash grand prize, will be announced at the drawings at 1:00pm on Sunday, September 9.

### Raffle Rules and Information:

- Tickets are \$5 each and sold in books of ten, but can be split between multiple purchasers.
- Each ticket equals one chance to win one of several raffle prizes.
- Tickets must be purchased by either check or cash. No credit card purchases.
- Fill out the top portion of the raffle ticket with the purchaser information and separate it along the perforated line.
- The larger portion of the ticket should be kept by the purchaser.
- All ticket purchases must be completed prior to the drawing.
- Must be 18 or older to purchase ticket or win prize. Need not be present to win.
- Winner responsible for any applicable fees or taxes.

### What are we raising money for?

All raffle ticket proceeds will go to Social Justice Outreach. Our last raffle raised over \$20k that was disbursed to several charitable organizations. This year, our goal is to raise \$25k.

## WELCOME NEW FAMILIES!

Diane Delmont

Tyler and Catherine LaGrange

Mark and Heribetha Rockwell

Edward and Jeanne Lechner

Dan and Maryann O'Donnell

Linda Tameze

## Building Community begins with HELLO MY NAME IS...

During the next few months we will host Nametag Weekends. As you enter the church there will be tables set up with nametags and pens, please take a moment to write your name on a nametag and wear it into Mass.

## CANA DINNER

Many “Minnesota tough” couples ventured out during a winter storm on February 24, 2018 to attend the Cana Dinner. Couples renewed their wedding vows during 5:00pm Mass. Afterwards in the social hall, everyone enjoyed a delicious candlelight dinner surrounded by friends. Couples were encouraged to get their picture taken at the photo booth commemorating this epic event.

Milestone anniversaries were acknowledged with gifts of chocolate. Gift certificates were handed out as well. The program consisted of a marriage survey game giving us data to prove that these St. Edward's couples like to have fun and are still deeply in love with each other.

The rest of the evening was spent dancing, talking to friends and watching the snow swirl outside the windows. There was a special appearance from the children—being cared for downstairs—who showed off their dance moves!



Many couples took advantage of the props in the photo booth.



# Faith Formation

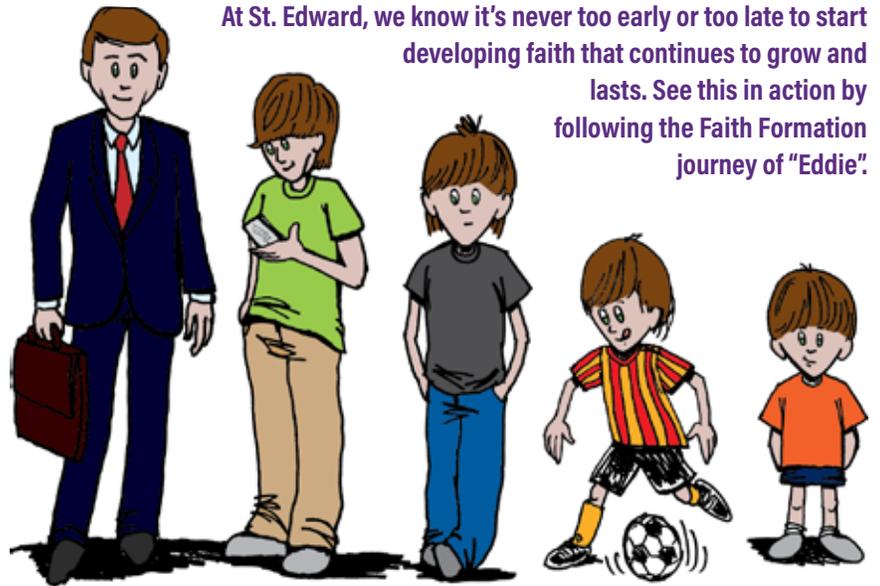
## FAITH FORMATION AT ST. EDWARD: EXPLORING FAITH TOGETHER

We support life-long learning and seek to provide opportunities for all to grow in their faith. We do this by creating opportunities that meet three goals:

**Hear God's story.** Through a variety of classes, small groups and guest speakers, we learn how God was at work and how He continues to be at work today.

**Feel known.** We belong in community. God models this through the Trinity. We need each other and each of us have something unique to offer.

**Have fun.** Whether you are 9 or 99 we want you to enjoy coming to church. After all, Nehemiah 8:10 says that it's the joy of our Lord that is our strength!



### BIRTH - AGE 5



Eddie was first connected to St. Edwards through the Nursery, which is available for infants through three years. It was free and it gave his parents a chance to truly focus during Mass. By going to the Nursery, Eddie knew church was a place where he felt safe.

In **Sunday School**, Eddie learned about God through interactive, multi-sensory lessons. Ultimately, faith at this age looks like "fitting in" or belonging so making friends with the other 4 and 5 year olds really impacted his faith. Developmental experts believe the first six years mark a child for life, and faith—while still premature—has formed enough to guide future decisions. So even though Eddie is still little, his faith is growing bigger and bigger! *Don't miss the Open House on September 16 at 11:30am to learn more about our Sunday School and Nursery programs!*

**Nursery and Sunday School:** Sunday mornings during the 10:30am Mass.

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**Elementary aged kids are motivated by fun and Eddie was no different!** In his grade specific class, teachers made learning fun - and fun doesn't mean shallow. As Eddie grew older, his teachers were well prepared to help his faith deepen. They started to ask more reflective, complex questions which helped Eddie transition from his basic, concrete understanding of faith to a more abstract one. This change in thinking would permanently impact him. In 2<sup>nd</sup> grade he participated in his **First Sacraments** – Reconciliation and Eucharist. On Sundays, Eddie sometimes got a little squirrely. Since his family attended the 10:30am Mass, he participated in **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)**.

**Faith Formation:** Wednesday nights during the school year 6:30-7:45pm

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### ELEMENTARY GRADES 1-5



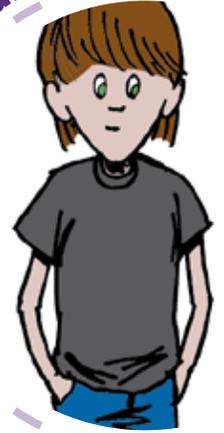
# Faith Formation

In **Middle School**, Eddie found out what the verse in Nehemiah meant when it says “The joy of the Lord is our strength.” Each week he enjoyed playing the crazy games, plus they helped him connect with other students and his leaders (because having fun together opens doors for relationships to go deeper). It wasn’t just about having fun though, these relationships helped take his faith to the next level. He began to think about what faith means outside of church. Where is God in the midst of family, friends, school, sports or world events? He was glad that he had a small group where he could talk about these things. The Acts 29 high schoolers who led his group helped him think about applying his faith to everyday life.

**Faith Formation:** Wednesday nights during the school year; 6:30-7:45pm

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MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES 6-8



HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 9-12



In **9<sup>th</sup> grade** Eddie went through **Confirmation**. At this point in his life, Eddie was looking for answers to tough questions and Confirmation provided a place to talk about these things. While he was on the retreat, his relationship with God became personal for the first time. It wasn’t just his parent’s faith anymore, it was his.

After Confirmation, this became even more evident when Eddie joined **ACTS 29**, a peer ministry team for grades 10-12. There are 28 chapters in the book of Acts, this leadership team challenged him to pick up where they left off by serving the church in roles such as leading Confirmation and middle school small groups. Being a part of this ministry demonstrates how Eddie’s faith is both internalized and externalized: it’s a part of his inner thoughts and emotions, and also externalized in his choices and actions. Faith is becoming integrated into his whole life, which is important, because pretty soon he’ll be an adult himself.

Wednesday nights can get a little long, but there was no way Eddie was missing **Base Camp**. This youth group for grades 10-12 was just what he needed. Even though he couldn’t make it every week, this time to focus on his faith and fill up his tank was so meaningful to him. Plus, he loved that he could bring his friends with him!

**Faith Formation:** Wednesday nights during the school year; various times from 6:00 to 8:30pm.

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Eddie has been a part of Faith Formation for a long time, since he was just a little kid! Now that he’s an adult with kids of his own, a full-time job, a house to take care of, finding time to focus on his own faith is difficult. But Eddie knows that the best thing he can do for his kids’ faith is model his own faith. After all, research shows that parents are the primary influencers on their kids’ faith. So, he looks for ways that he can keep growing and challenging his faith, as well as connect with a community that supports him. Fortunately for Eddie, St. Edward has a lot of opportunities for adults. Here are a few: guest speakers on the second Sunday of each month after the 10:30am Mass; fall and spring one day retreats; parent speakers and resources; Bible classes and book discussions.

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ADULTS



# Faith Formation



**CHECK US  
OUT ONLINE!**

## GET INVOLVED!

### Teacher

Be a part of forming the spiritual lives of the children at this church. Teachers receive prepared lesson plans at the beginning of the year which include how to lead discussions, games, projects, crafts, all in an effort to bring faith alive for these kids. Our goal is to have at least two teachers in every room so you are never on your own!

### Resource Room

Help behind the scenes by prepping projects for our elementary schoolers. On Wednesday nights parent volunteers prep crafts, projects, lesson plans as well as keep an eye on the hallway. This is a great way to volunteer if you can only commit to one or two Wednesdays throughout the year.

### Participate

Can't commit to volunteering on a regular basis? We get it. The one thing we encourage everyone to consider is making an investment in their own faith. Parents—this is one of the most important things that you can do for your children. Not only will you be spiritually fed, but you will be modeling discipleship to your kids. If you want them to grow up with a deep, mature faith—model that faith to them starting today. For ideas on how to get involved, check the Adult Faith Formation offerings on our website, in our weekly bulletin or sign up for our monthly Faith Formation eNews!



*Pancakes & PJs was a popular December event for youth ages 5 to 12.*

## Faith Formation Online Registration is live August 1!

Visit our website and sign up:  
[stedwardschurch.org/  
faith-formation/registration](http://stedwardschurch.org/faith-formation/registration).

On our website, you will also find an online calendar with all our Faith Formation events AND a place to sign up for our monthly Faith Formation eNews - this is the best way to stay up to date with program information, special events, resources and more!

## SAVE THE DATE

Watch for details about the Faith Formation family kickoff on September 12!

## NATIVITY PRESCHOOL

One major change around St. Edward that you may or may not be aware of is the possibility of a future expansion of Nativity Preschool in the South Wing of our lower level. This is an exciting opportunity to work together as parish communities to expand this ministry to children across Bloomington. These plans continue to move forward in a prayerful and collaborative manner, with the goal to open the Fall of 2019.

We ask for your continued patience as we work to build this partnership for the years to come. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please don't hesitate to contact the staff.

# Ministry Highlights

## ADMINISTRATION

### New Parish Administrator Beth Schorle

Beth is an experienced Parish Administrator who came to us from the Church of St. Gabriel the Archangel in Hopkins. She took over the reins July 2, after the retirement of Sherrie Schroeder, the previous Parish Administrator, at the end of June. *Welcome Beth!*

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Veggies for VEAP Garden

Do you have a green thumb? We need your help in the garden! Vegetables have been planted and are growing, but so are the weeds! We need volunteers to help with the upkeep and the harvesting throughout the summer and fall. It doesn't have to be a large time commitment. If you like to garden, call Donna Rubio in the parish office at 952-835-7101 or email [drubio@stedwardschurch.org](mailto:drubio@stedwardschurch.org).

### 2018 Mother's Day Baby Shower Collection

St. Edward collected donations of new or slightly used baby items for two local prolife crisis pregnancy centers. Among the many items were warm handmade quilts, lovely bedding sets, beautiful hand-knit blankets, sweaters, bibs, and hats, as well as items necessary for caring for babies. In addition, cash and check donations totaled almost \$1,470.00. All of the donations and funds will be divided equally between Birthright of Minneapolis and South West Options for Women where they will be distributed to the women, children, and families with whom they work.

Both of these centers are non-profit charitable organizations and are supported by volunteers and donations. At these centers, pregnant women receive love, hope, encouragement, friendship and emotional support. They also receive referrals to medical care, nutrition (WIC), food shelves, child care, temporary and permanent housing assistance, rental assistance, adoption services, parenting education, employment assistance, and life coaching. In addition, the centers directly distribute free pregnancy tests, maternity clothing, infant and toddler clothing, diapers, formula, blankets, and infant supplies.

## WORSHIP

### Mass of Remembrance

This year we will celebrate this special Mass on **Saturday, November 3 at 9:00am**. This service is a time to remember in a special way all who have died this year.

## WORSHIP

### Fill The Choir Loft

It's an exciting time to part of St. Edward with so much hope and excitement in the air. Our music ministry is no exception. This fall we'd like to encourage anyone that used to sing in our choir but has drifted away to come back. If you've thought about singing with choir in the past but just weren't sure, now is the time. While we welcome new singers at any time, there's no better time than the start of the program year to join in. Our choir does rehearse and sing almost weekly from September through May but your commitment can be flexible. We understand that you have work and family obligations and those aren't a problem. For more information, talk to Craig Walker in the music area at any Mass, talk to any choir member you might know, or just show up for our first rehearsal this fall on **Thursday, September 6 at 7pm**. Let's fill the choir loft this fall...*we can't do that without you.*

### Do You Have Rhythm?

We are need of guitarists, bass players, and drummers. Do you or a family member play one of those instruments? We'd love your help from time to time. All ages are welcome and we especially encourage youth to participate. We are always looking for those that play band and orchestra instruments as well—flute, clarinet, violin, etc. Please see Craig Walker in the music area at any Mass or email [music@stedwardschurch.org](mailto:music@stedwardschurch.org).

## PASTORAL CARE

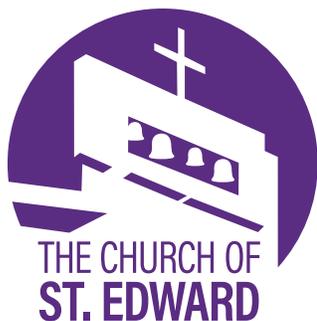
### Did You Know?

Most funerals throughout the year are followed by a luncheon in the social hall. The many wonderful dedicated volunteers make it look effortless, but it takes time and many hands to accomplish this ministry.

Our biggest need is volunteer monthly leaders. There is already a great system in place—here's how it works:

- Leaders are assigned one or two months per year—*the average is about three funerals per month.*
- Monthly leaders oversee a team of volunteers who complete the set-up, serving, and clean-up—*scheduling the team is done by one of the volunteers, not the leader.*
- The food is delivered—*no cooking required!*—and training is provided on how to place the order.

*We need you to reach out and help.* Please contact Mary Kay Hird in the parish office to be a part of this wonderful ministry serving grieving family and friends.



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## ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

Our summer newsletter features information from Faith Formation and Community Life. Our next edition is planned for this fall and will have a Pastoral Care and Worship focus.

## FAITH FORMATION ONLINE REGISTRATION GOES LIVE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1!

Visit our website and sign up now: [stedwardschurch.org/faith-formation/registration](http://stedwardschurch.org/faith-formation/registration).

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Director of Social Justice & Community Life.....	Donna Rubio	x219
Director of Liturgy .....	Mary Kay Hird	x217
Director of Music .....	Craig Walker	x231
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