

Faith Formation

Director of Religious Education
Micayla Walden

Faith Formation

When Do Children Attend?

1st Wednesdays — Sacrament Preparation & Parent/Adult Classes

- *Parents*: Parent Education Meeting
- *PreK–1st Grade*: Faith Formation Activities
- *2nd Grade*: First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Preparation
- *3rd–4th Grade*: Faith Formation Activities
- *5th–8th Grade*: Confirmation Preparation

2nd & 4th Wednesdays - Sacrament Prep Classes & CYO

- *2nd Grade*: First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Preparation
- *5th-8th Grade*: Confirmation Preparation

3rd Wednesday — Community Family Night

All families (including CYO families) are invited to come together for a family meal, fellowship, and faith formation.

Parents, your participation matters! Our children learn about their faith not only in the classroom, but most importantly by seeing it lived out at home. Let's grow in faith together—rooted in Christ, growing as a family!

Next Week Ministry List

St. Isidore 9/5 @ 5:00pm
Lector - Rod Blaha
Cantor - Raymond Baxa
EMHC- Jane Baxa
Servers- Denton & Easton Pachta
Hospitality- John & Janis Krob
Carry Gifts- John & Janis Krob

St. George 9/6 @ 8:00am
Lector - Ruth Feight
Cantor - Ellyn Feight
Organist - Joelle Feight
EMHC- LeRoy & Karen Splichal
Servers- Roy Feight, Charlotte Valek
Hospitality- Charlie & Jean Popelka
Carry Gifts- Charlie & Jean Popelka

St. Edward 8/30 @ 10:00am
Lector - Deb Krotz
Cantor - Reeves Family
Organist - Cherish Reeves
EMHC- Deb Krotz, Jane Raney, Chris Pachta, Volunteer
Servers - Jared Collette, Hazel Mahin, Whitney Thayer
Hospitality- Jordan & Monica Thayer, Caleb & Gayle Mahin
Carry Gifts- Caleb & Gayle Mahin
Sacristan - Deb Krotz

Prayer List

*names will remain on prayer list for 3 months unless office is notified.

Lori Frybarger
Ethan Ines
Lesley Popelka
Doris Nanninga
Ahava Merritt
Leslie Porter
Jennifer Taskinsen
Connie Tiekling

POPE LEO MONTHLY INTENTION SEPTEMBER

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

CCW (Council of Catholic Women)

Chairperson - Kay Rieke
Secretary - Debra Krotz
Treasurer - Chris Wilber

A women's organization serving the parish and building faith individually and with other women.

- CCW will host an all-parish meal after Mass on September 20. More detail to follow.
- Next CCW Meeting Monday, October 5, 2026 at 7pm

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight - Daryl Rieke

Pro-Life Rosary every Wednesday evening at 5:30pm before Mass. Please join us when you can.

Next Meeting: September 2 at 8:30pm

Knights are looking for some committee chairmen for our Service Program Areas of Community, Faith, Family, and Life. Contact Daryl Rieke if interested!

August Contributions

	St. Edward	St. George	St. Isidore
8/2	\$3,056.00	\$473.00	\$325.00
8/9	\$3,551.30	\$202.00	\$774.00
8/16	\$3,953.55	\$618.00	\$980.00
8/23	\$2,441.25	\$1,491.00	\$403.00
8/30	\$	\$	\$

REPUBLIC COUNTY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

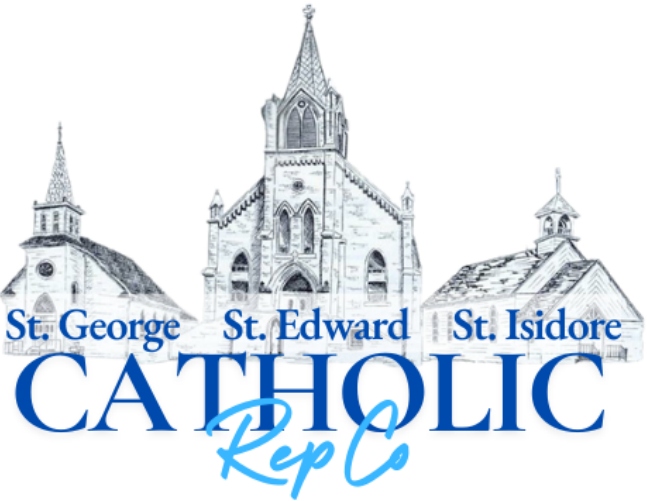
ST. EDWARD, ST. GEORGE, ST. ISIDORE

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026



OFFICE HOURS

Monday	12:00pm - 4:00pm
Tuesday	12:00pm - 4:00pm
Wednesday	12:00pm - 4:00pm
Thursday	12:00pm - 4:00pm
Friday	12:00pm - 4:00pm

New Parishioners, welcome to our parish! Go to our website www.repcatholic.com to register.

STAFF

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St. Edward Parish Council
Melissa Martin, President
Bill Mahin, Vice President
Stephanie Stindt, Secretary
Kelvin Blecha Deb Krotz
Kay Rieke Monica Thayer

St. Isidore Parish Council
Jane Baxa Wayne Pachta
Karl Baxa Paul Kieffer

St. George Parish Council
Ronda Blecha Joelle Feight
Paul Chopp Elaine Coonrod

DAILY MASS TIMES

Tuesday	8:00am
Wednesday	6:00pm
Thursday	8:00am
Friday	8:00am
1st Saturday of the Month	8:30am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	
St. Isidore, Cuba	5:00pm
Sunday	
St. George, Munden	8:00am
St. Edward, Belleville	10:00am

CONFESSION

30 minutes before weekend Masses
6:30pm-7:00pm on Wednesday Nights

ADORATION

Wednesday	6:30pm-9:30pm
Thursday	8:30am-1pm

PASTOR'S CORNER

Discipleship

“Whoever wants to follow me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.” (Mat 16:24)

Jesus’ words are beautiful, but they are also demanding. To follow Christ is not simply to believe in Him; it is to allow Him to change the way we live.

But what does Jesus mean when He says, “deny yourself”?

He does not mean that we should hate ourselves, neglect our legitimate needs, or think that we have no value. Rather, Jesus asks us to deny the self-centered desires, attitudes, and habits that take God’s place in our lives.

What might we need to deny?

1. The desire to always have my own way.

Discipleship means learning to pray, “*Lord, not what I want, but what You want.*” Sometimes following Jesus means surrendering my preference for the sake of love, peace, or another person.

2. Pride.

We may want to be recognized, appreciated, or proven right. Jesus invites us to choose humility—to serve without needing applause and to say, “*I was wrong; please forgive me.*”

3. Comfort without commitment.

Faith cannot remain convenient. Sometimes discipleship means coming to Mass when it is difficult, making time for prayer when we are busy, serving when we are tired, and helping someone when it costs us something.

4. Resentment and the desire for revenge.

The Christian disciple learns to forgive. Forgiveness does not mean pretending that the hurt never happened. It means refusing to allow anger and resentment to control our hearts.

5. Anything that comes before God.

Our possessions, success, reputation, ambitions, entertainment, and even our relationships can become more important than God. Discipleship asks us to put Christ first.

Brothers and sisters, the cross is not the end of the Christian journey. The cross leads to resurrection. Every time we deny selfishness, choose love over hatred, humility over pride, forgiveness over resentment, and God’s will over our own, we are becoming more like Christ.

Perhaps the most important question for each of us is not, “What cross has God given me?” but: “What is Jesus asking me to surrender today so that I can follow Him more closely?”

That is where discipleship begins.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Gnanasekar

Navigating mental health care can feel overwhelming. Jessica Sampson, LCSW, a licensed clinical social worker with Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas, is available to help individuals understand their options and connect with the right support or provider. Contact Jessica at 785-323-0644 or jsampson@ccnks.org.

PRAYER PARTNERS

Want to make a difference in the lives of our Faith Formation families? Become a Prayer Partner!

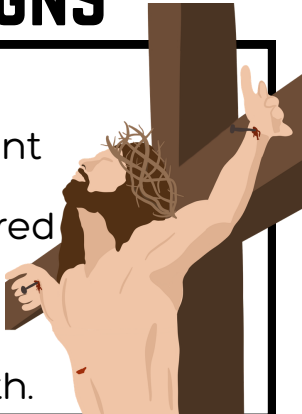
Prayer Partners pray for a Faith Formation classroom, Sacrament Prep class, or individual family throughout the year.

✉ Letters and notes may be exchanged between Prayer Partners and those they are praying for through the parish office.

No meetings or teaching required—just the gift of prayer and encouragement! Everyone is welcome to participate. Contact Micayla to be a part of this wonderful program!

SACRED SIGNS

Our parish also honors a relic of the True Cross, traditionally found by Saint Helena in Jerusalem around A.D. 326. This sacred relic is honored - not worshiped - as a sign of Christ’s sacrifice and His victory over sin and death.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday 8/29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

4:30pm Confessions St. Isidore
5:00pm Mass St. Isidore + *Vincent Baxa*

Sunday 8/30 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Confessions St. George
8:00am Mass St. George *People of the Parish*
9:30am Confessions St. Edward
10:00am Mass St. Edward + *Randy Krotz*
11:00am OCIA Class Start - Church Basement
6:00pm Back to Class Bash - Depot Market

Monday 8/31

Tuesday 9/1

8:00am Mass St. Edward *Deceased Members of the Chermak Family*

Wednesday 9/2

9:00am Bible Study on Acts - CB
6:00pm Mass St. Edward *Families of our Parishes*
6:30pm Adoration & Confessions
6:45pm Family Faith Formation & Sacrament Prep Classes Start
8:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Thursday 9/3 St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor

8:00am Mass St. Edward *Students preparing for Sacraments this year*
8:30am Adoration

Friday 9/4

8:00am Mass St. Edward + *Fr. Henry Baxa*

Saturday 9/5 Blessed Virgyn Mary.

8:30am Mass St. Edward + *Rita Stehno*
4:30pm Confession St. Isidore
5:00pm Mass St. Isidore *People of the Parish*

Sunday 9/6 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Confessions St. George
8:00am Mass St. George + *Dcn. Tom Carter*
9:00am Coffee & Rolls - St. George
9:30am Confessions St. Edward
10:00am Mass St. Edward + *Dennis Burt*



First Saturday Mass
Saturday, September 5
8:30am

“The First Saturday Devotion, a Catholic practice requested by the Virgin Mary during her apparitions at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917, and later specified in Pontevedra, Spain, in 1925. The devotion centers on making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the sins committed against it by humanity.”

Source: St. Laurence Catholic Church – First Saturday Devotion

No Daily Masses September 8-10 due to Diocese Priest Retreat in Wichita. Please pray for all our priests during their retreat.

St. George will have coffee and rolls after First Sunday Mass on September 6.



Back to Class Bash will be SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 at 6pm. There was a misprint in the letter to parents. Hope to see all our families there!



OCIA Classes have started!

This Sunday, August 30, we will have OCIA Class directly after 10am Mass at St. Edward (due to Back to Class Bash in the evening). It is not too late to join! Everyone is welcome: current parishioners, those interested in the faith and anyone just wanting to learn more about being Catholic!

Ministry News

Lector Training Father Gnansekar would like to meet with all parishioners interested in serving as lectors on Thursday, September 3 at 5:30 p.m. If you cannot attend the meeting, but want to be a lector, please contact Deb Krotz at 785-527-3206.

Hospitality & Carry Gifts Ministry We are looking for more people to help with Hospitality (greeting, ushering, taking up collection) and Carrying Gifts during Mass at St. Edward. Please contact Jared or Micayla if you are interested in helping with this ministry!



Please note:
All Faith Formation Class (Family Faith Formation, Sacrament Prep, and CYO) times have changed to **6:45pm** on Wednesday evenings.

If you have any questions or would like to register your child/family, please contact the parish office!



Thank you for
delivering Meals on
Wheels in August!

Joe & Marsha Gerber, Dcn. Steve Heiman,
David Blecha, Morris & Chris Wilber,
John & Teri Popelka, Roger & Sandy
Kling, Bob & Deb Sasser, Rosemary Burt