FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education -Micayla Walden

Upcoming Events

- **December 17th Christmas Cookies & Carols Program 7PM** All are welcome to attend!
- NO CLASSES December 24th or 31st
- Classes resume January 7th at 7pm



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Grand Knight - Randy Hansen

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

COW (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.

- What a blessed evening of fellowship we had at our CCW Annual Christmas Social. Thanks to all who attended and brought so much wonderful food and such lovely gifts.
- CCW sends wishes of growth during Advent and Christmas joy to the three parishes and to those who could not attend our social.
- Next meeting will be Monday, January 5, at 7 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Center.

Next Week Ministry List

Lector - Ruth Feight Cantor - Sally Splichal Organist - Joelle Feight

EMHC- LeRoy & Karen Splichal Servers- Ellyn & Roy Feight, Charlotte

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Hospitality- Mark & Deb Tipton Carry Gifts- Mark & Deb Tipton St. Edward 12/20 @ 8:30am

Lector - Sandy Kling Cantor - Jacob Wilber Organist - Marcia Blecha

EMHC- Steve Heiman, Jared Collette,

2 Volunteers Servers- CYO **Hospitality-** CYO Carry Gifts- CYO

December Contributions

| | St. Edward | St. George | St. Isidore |
|-------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 12/7 | \$3,206.00 | \$2,337.29 | \$525.00 |
| 12/14 | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 12/21 | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 12/25 | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 12/28 | \$ | \$ | \$ |

REPUBLIC COUNTY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

St. edward, St. George, St. Isidore

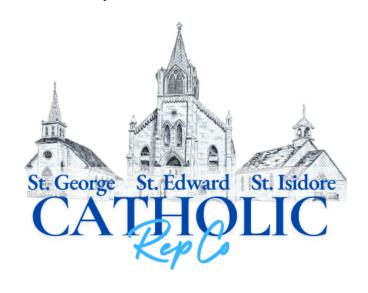
1827 Q Street PO Box 99 Belleville, KS 66935

785-527-5559 | www.repcocatholic.com

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

785-527-5559



OFFICE HOURS

9:00am - 3:00pm Monday Tuesday 12:00pm - 4:00pm Wednesday 12:00pm - 4:00pm 12:00pm - 4:00pm Thursday 12:00pm - 4:00pm Friday

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

STAFF

Pastor

Fr. Joseph Kieffer 785-259-1384

pastor@repcocatholic.com

Dcn. Steve Heiman 785-527-1322

Director of Religious Education & Safe Environment

DAILY MASS TIMES

6:00pm Parish Secretary Wednesday 8:00am Micayla Walden 785-527-5559 Friday 8:30am <u>micaylaw@repcocatholic.com</u> 1st Saturday of the Month

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday

Coordinator Micayla Walden micaylaw@repcocatholic.com

1st & 3rd Sat. St. George, Munden 4:00pm 2nd & 4th Sat. St. Isidore, Cuba 4:00pm St. Edward Parish Council 5th Sat. St. Edward, Belleville

Sunday

OLPH, Concordia

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4:00pm Melissa Martin, President 6:00pm Bill Mahin, Vice President Stephanie Stindt, Secretary

8:30am Kay Rieke 10:30am

Bob Morris Monica Thayer Morris Wilber

CONFESSION

30 minutes before each Mass

ADORATION

6:30pm-9:30pm Ronda Blecha Wednesday 8:30am-1pm Paul Chopp Friday 1st Saturday Family Holy Half Hour 9:00am

St. Isidore Parish Council

Jane Baxa Wayne Pachta Paul Kieffer Karl Baxa

St. George Parish Council

Joelle Feight Elaine Coonrod

*names will remain on prayer list for 3 months unless office is notified. Steve Boling Ethan Ines

Roy Hamel

Lori Frybarger Ella Arnold

Paige Arnold

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday 12/13 St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

9:00am Sacristan Training - St. Edward 3:30pm Confessions St. Isidore

4:00pm Mass St. Isidore +*Lisa Baxa*

Sunday 12/14 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00am Confession St. Edward 8:30am Mass St. Edward *People of the Parish*

12:00pm Clean St. Edward

Monday 12/15

6:00pm Book Study - Rectory

7:00pm 100 Year Anniv. Meeting - Rectory

Tuesday 12/16

Wednesday 12/17

9:00am Psalms Bible Study - Rectory

6:00pm Mass St. Edward + Catharine Pachta

6:30pm Adoration

7:00pm Christmas Cookies & Carols SHC

Thursday 12/18

Friday 12/19

8:00am Mass St. Edward + Amy Chopp Johnson

8:30am Adoration

12:00pm Confessions St. Edward

Saturday 12/20

8:00am Confessions St. Edward

9:00am Mid-Year Catechist Meeting

3:30pm Confessions St. George

4:00pm Mass St. George *People of the Parish*

Sunday 12/21 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00am Confession St. Edward 8:30am Mass St. Edward + *Harold Kling*

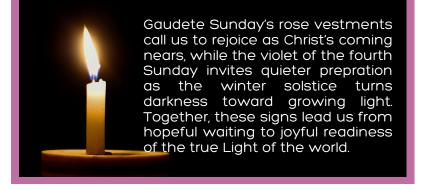
2:00pm Confession St. Edward

3:00pm Decorate St. Edward for Christmas 🎄



"Rejoice in the Lord always: Again I will say. Rejoice!"
Philippians 4:4

PARISH NEWS



The 100th Anniversary Committee is looking for a picture of the St. Josephat Church. If anyone has one or knows someone who might have one, please let Deb Krotz know or text her at 785-527-3206. Thank you.

♣ Christmas Eve Music **♣**

We will have special Christmas Eve music before Mass this year! Families, groups, duets (singing or instrumental) are invited to share their talents! If you would like to be a part of our pre-Mass musical program, please contact Cherish at 785-374-3183.

Church Cleaning before Christmas December 14th from 12pm-2pm. Help us clean up the church before we decorate on December 21st.

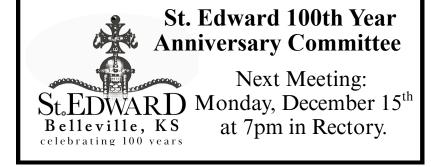
Christmas Decorating will be December 21 at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to come help decorate the church for Christmas!

Bibles study on the Psalms Wednesday mornings at <u>9:00am</u> in the Rectory.

Snow Removal If you are interested in helping remove snow this winter, please contact Mike Baxa at 785-527-0170. A Flocknote will be sent out before snow removal times.

Next Parish Council Meeting Monday, December 22nd at 7pm.





PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Why did Jesus praise John the Baptist as the greatest person born of a woman and then in the same breath say that those who enter God's kingdom will be greater than John (Matthew 11:11)? John is the last and greatest of the prophets of the old covenant. He fulfilled the essential task of all the prophets - to be fingers pointing to Jesus Christ, God's Anointed Son and Messiah. John prepared the way for the Messiah, and he pointed others to Jesus the Messiah at the River Jordan when he exclaimed, Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29)

John saw from a distant what Jesus would accomplish through his death on the cross - our redemption from bondage to sin and death and our adoption as sons and daughters of God and citizens of the kingdom of heaven. When King Herod tried to silence John by throwing him into prison, John sent his disciples to Jesus after John had heard the reports about Jesus performing signs and wonders and speaking to people about the coming of God's kingdom. John wanted his disciples to hear and see firsthand what Jesus was doing to bring the kingdom of God to those who were receptive and ready to receive his message.

Are we receptive and ready to receive Christ's message? Are we preparing our hearts for what Christ want to give us? As we enter this last week and a half let us take more time each day to read his word and pray in his presence here in church. Time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is a great way to help us prepare our hearts, minds and souls to receive the gift of grace he wants to give each one of us.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Kieffer

Building Maintenance: St. Edward's parish is seeking a part time maintenance person to take care of odd jobs around the parish. Please call the parish office or email Fr. Kieffer if you or someone you know, may be interested in this position.

Senior Center Representative: Deacon Steve is wanting to retire as the representative for St. Edward's parish at the Senior Center meetings. For details on the job please contact Deacon Steve at 785-527-1322.