

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education -
Micayla Walden



Upcoming Events

- **December 10th** First Reconciliation for 2nd Graders and caroling practice for Christmas Cookies & Carols 7PM
- **December 17th** Christmas Cookies & Carols Program 7PM
- **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.

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.

- Rescheduled CCW Christmas Social on Monday, December 8 in the Sacred Heart Center. Please bring finger foods. The evening will include a \$10 Christian gift exchange. Open to all members to share in fellowship and fun. Bring a friend, if you would like. Come down after Mass. Food served starting at 6:30.

Next Week Ministry List

St. Isidore 12/13 @ 4:00pm	St. Edward 12/14 @ 8:30am
Lector - Rod Blaha	Lector - Deb Krotz
Cantor - Raymond Baxa	Cantor - Jaycie Stindt
Organist - n/a	Organist - Marcia Hansen
EMHC - Raymond Baxa	EMHC - Mike Baxa, Jared Collette, Kathy Brzon
Servers - Nick Baxa, Vincent Pacht, Denton Pacht	Servers - Michael Pacht, Zane Gieber, Hayes Hansen
Hospitality - Paul & Kelly Kieffer	Hospitality - Morris & Chris Wilber, Steve & Diane Hieman
Carry Gifts - Paul & Kelly Kieffer	Carry Gifts - Morris & Chris Wilber

Prayer List

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

Steve Boling
Roy Hamel
Lori Frybarger
Ella Arnold
Paige Arnold

Ethan Ines

December Contributions

	St. Edward	St. George	St. Isidore
11/2	\$2,384.00	\$348.00	\$240.00
11/9	\$2,420.00	\$120.00	\$684.00
11/16	\$5,294.16	\$1,835.40	\$415.00
11/23	\$2,706.21	\$130.00	\$1,564.00
11/30	\$1,167.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

REPUBLIC COUNTY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

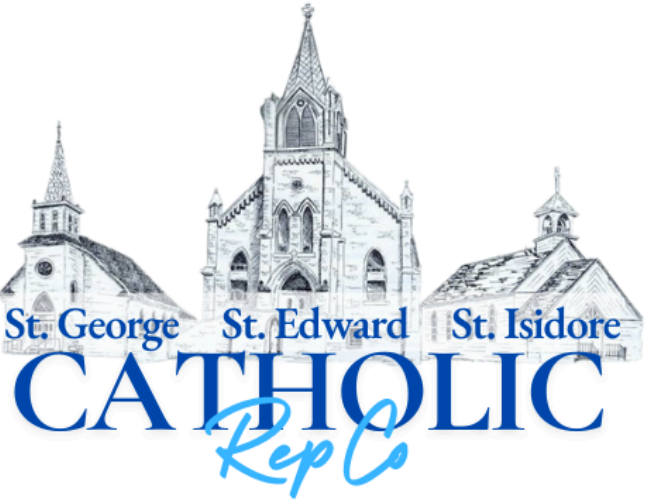
ST. EDWARD, ST. GEORGE, ST. ISIDORE

1827 Q Street PO Box 99 Belleville, KS 66935

785-527-5559 | www.repcatholic.com

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 7th, 2025



OFFICE HOURS

Monday	9:00am - 3:00pm
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

Pastor

Fr. Joseph Kieffer	785-259-1384
pastor@repcatholic.com	
Dcn. Steve Heiman	785-527-1322

DAILY MASS TIMES

Wednesday	6:00pm	Parish Secretary
Friday	8:00am	Micayla Walden
1st Saturday of the Month	8:30am	micaylaw@repcatholic.com

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday		
1 st & 3 rd Sat. St. George, Munden	4:00pm	
2 nd & 4 th Sat. St. Isidore, Cuba	4:00pm	
5 th Sat. St. Edward, Belleville	4:00pm	
OLPH, Concordia	6:00pm	
Sunday		
St. Edward, Belleville	8:30am	
OLPH, Concordia	10:30am	

CONFESSION

30 minutes before each Mass

ADORATION

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

Director of Religious Education & Safe Environment Coordinator

Micayla Walden	785-527-5559
micaylaw@repcatholic.com	

St. Edward Parish Council

Melissa Martin, President	
Bill Mahin, Vice President	
Stephanie Stindt, Secretary	
Bob Morris	Monica Thayer
Kay Rieke	Morris Wilber

St. Isidore Parish Council

Jane Baxa	Wayne Pacht
Karl Baxa	Paul Kieffer

St. George Parish Council

Ronda Blecha	Joelle Feight
Paul Chopp	Elaine Coonrod

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday 12/6 St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:30am First Saturday Mass +*Francis Adam*
9:00am Family Holy Half Hour
3:30pm Confessions St. George
4:00pm Mass St. George +*James & Evelyn Hurley*

Sunday 12/7 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00am Confession St. Edward
8:30am Mass St. Edward +*Janet Adam*

Monday 12/8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

5:00pm Confessions
5:30pm Mass St. Edward +*Raymond Wistuba*
6:30pm Book Study - Rectory
6:30pm CCW Christmas Party

Tuesday 12/9 St. Juan Diego

Wednesday 12/10 Our Lady of Loreto

9:00am Psalms Bible Study - Rectory
6:00pm Mass St. Edward *Haley Pachta*
6:30pm Adoration
7:00pm Faith Formation &
First Reconciliation

Thursday 12/11 St. Damasus I

Friday 12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am Mass St. Edward +*Deceased KofC*
8:30am Adoration
12:00pm Parish Office CLOSED

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*

PARISH NEWS



You have probably noticed the sparse decorations in the church. This is to emphasize the solemn season of Advent. As we move through this season decorations will slowly increase in anticipation for Christmas.

The Republic County Toy Bank is searching for community members to adopt families this Christmas season! They have several available families of all sizes and ages. To adopt a family, simply stop in or call The Citizens National Bank in Belleville! Donations and gifts are due December 11th, 2025! The Citizens National Bank (785) 527-2219.

🎄 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 People Concerned (Golden Bell Haven) is in need of a representative from St. Edward, St. George or St. Isidore to serve on their board. If interested or have questions, please contact Dcn. Steve Heiman at 785-527-1322.

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

Monday Night Book Study We will be hosting a book study on *The Spirit of the Liturgy* by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI). We will meet on Monday evenings at 6pm in the rectory starting December 1st. Children welcome.

Bibles study on the Psalms Wednesday mornings at **9:00am** in the Rectory.

Year End Giving: As we approach the end of the year, now is a wonderful time to support the ministries that shape our Catholic community. A gift to your parish, your Catholic school, the Bishop's Annual Appeal, or our seminarians makes a lasting difference. Your generosity helps our Church continue its mission today and for years to come. To learn more or make a gift, visit givecfds.org. Thank you for sharing your blessings!

Thanks to those who delivered meals for the senior center this past week. Steve & Diane Heiman, Morris & Chris Wilber, Joe & Marsha Gerber, Robert & Lesley Popelka, Mike & Judy Baxa, John & Terri Popelka, Robert Lahodny, Lee Lower & Leslie Porter, James & Carol Levendofsky, Deb Krotz. Without your help we could not deliver all the meals for our homebound.

❄️**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.

Sacristan training Saturday, December 13th at 9am at St. Edward for anyone interested in being a sacristan. Contact Jared Collette with any questions.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Each year the church displays an Advent Wreath. Why? We don't often talk about this tradition or it's meaning. I thought it would be good this year to give some explanation as to why we do this and the symbolism behind each part of the wreath.

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple, and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

Advent traditionally focuses on the virtues and qualities central to the preparation for Christmas. The four primary themes are:

- 1. Hope** – Reflecting on the hope of Christ's coming, past and future, and God's promises of redemption.
- 2. Peace** – Embracing the peace that Christ brings into the world and seeking peace within our hearts and relationships.
- 3. Joy** – Rejoicing in the anticipation of Jesus' arrival, especially celebrated on the third Sunday (Gaudete Sunday).
- 4. Love** – Remembering God's love for humanity in sending his Son and reflecting that love to others.

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.

Money Counters: St. Edward, St. Isidore and St. George and in need of one or two people to help count collections on Mondays. Please call parish office if you are able to help!

Second Sunday of Advent



"Prepare the way of the Lord. make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Luke 3:4.6