# FAITH FORMATION

**Director of Religious Education -**

Micayla Walden

#### **Upcoming Events**

- December 3<sup>rd</sup> First Reconciliation Practice 7PM
- **December 10<sup>th</sup>** First Reconciliation for 2nd Graders and caroling practice for Christmas Cookies & Carols 7PM
- December 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Cookies & Carols Program 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.

• CCW Christmas Social on Monday, December 1 at 7 p.m. 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.

## **Next Week Ministry List**

St. Geor	<u>ge 12/6 @ 4:00pm</u>
Lector - Karen S	olichal

Cantor - Ellyn Feight
Organist - Joelle Feight

EMHC- David & Retha Blecha

Servers- Ruth & Roy Feight, Charlotte Valek

Hospitality- LeRoy & Karen Splichal Carry Gifts- LeRoy & Karen Splichal

#### St. Edward 12/7 @ 8:30am

Lector - Melissa Martin Cantor - Alex Coonrod Organist - Marcia Hansen

EMHC- Brent Martin, Jane Raney, Debra

Krotz, Jared Collette

Servers- Sistine Meinecke, Canon Meinecke,

Lincoln Jones

**Hospitality-** Brent & Melissa Martin, Deb Krotz **Carry Gifts-** Brent & Melissa Martin Family

#### **November 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	\$	\$	\$
11/30	\$	\$	\$

# Prayer List

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

Ethan Ines

Steve Boling

Roy Hamel

Lori Frybarger

Ella Arnold

# Paige Arnold

# REPUBLIC COUNTY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

St. edward, St. George, St. Isidore

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## 1st Sunday of Advent

## **OFFICE HOURS**

November 30th, 2025

785-527-5559

 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 <a href="www.repcocatholic.com">www.repcocatholic.com</a> to register.

#### **STAFF**

# Pastor Fr. Joseph Kieffer 785-259-1384

<u>pastor@repcocatholic.com</u>
Dcn. Steve Heiman

Ocn. Steve Heiman 785-527-1322

# 6:00pm Parish Secretary 8:00am Micayla Walden 8:30am micaylaw@repcocatholic.com

6:00pm

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

### Saturday

**DAILY MASS TIMES** 

1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. St. George, Munden
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat. St. Isidore, Cuba
5 <sup>th</sup> Sat. St. Edward, Belleville
OLPH, Concordia

### Sunday

St. Edward, Belleville	
OLPH, Concordia	

1st Saturday of the Month

Wednesday

Friday

#### **CONFESSION**

30 minutes before each Mass

#### **ADORATION**

Wednesday	6:30pm-9:30pm
Friday	8:30am-1pm
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Family Holy Ha	lf Hour 9:00am

## **Director of Religious Education**

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# 4:00pm Safe Environment Coordinator

4:00pm Keely Meiencke 785-527-5559 keelym@repcocatholic.com

## St. Edward Parish Council

Melissa Martin, President 8:30am Bill Mahin, Vice President 10:30am Stephanie Stindt, Secretary

> Bob Morris Monica Thayer Kay Rieke Morris Wilber

### St. Isidore Parish Council

Jane Baxa	Wayne Pachta
Karl Baxa	Paul Kieffer

#### St. George Parish Council

Ronda Blecha	Joelle Feight
Paul Chopp	Elaine Coonrod

#### **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Saturday 11/29

3:30pm Confessions St. George

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

Sunday 11/30 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 8:00am Confession St. Edward

8:30am Mass St. Edward + Antonio Soto Ortiz

**Monday 12/1** 

6:00pm Book Study - Rectory

**Tuesday 12/2** 

Wednesday 12/3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest

9:00am Psalms Bible Study - Rectory 6:00pm Mass St. Edward *Rosary Meinecke* 

6:30pm Adoration

7:00pm Faith Formation

Thursday 12/4

Friday 12/5

8:00am Mass St. Edward Ed & Janice Slavik

8:30am Adoration

Saturday 12/6 St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:30am First Saturday Mass + Francis Adam

9:00am Family Holy Half Hour 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



"Ask our Lady. along with me, to make it come true. Try to imagine how she spent these months. waiting for her Son to be born. And our Lady. Holy Mary. will make of you alter Christus. ipse Christus: another Christ. Christ himself!" -St.

Josemaria Escriva

#### **PARISH NEWS**

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.

**First Saturday Mass and Family Holy Half Hour December 6**<sup>th.</sup> Mass is at 8:30am and Adoration is 9:00am. This is also St. Nicholas Day. Any children who attend will receive a gift from St. Nicholas!

#### **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.

**Munden Community Christmas Program** will be December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Munden Community Building at 6:30pm with the RCHS Choir and Santa. Everyone is asked to bring finger food to share afterwards.

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 1<sup>st</sup>. Children welcome. First session will be about Cardinal Ratzinger and why he wrote this book. Feel free to join and see what the Book Study is all about!

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

Approved Parish Council Meeting Minutes are posted on the website at <a href="https://www.repcocatholic.com/parish-pastoral-council">www.repcocatholic.com/parish-pastoral-council</a>

**Volunteers needed** for Catholic Charities Outreach Van on the fourth Wednesday of the month. If you are interested, please come on the fourth Wednesday at 1pm.



# PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

The prophet Isaiah spoke of the Day when the Lord would judge between the nations and establish peace over the earth. In that day the righteous - all peoples who believed in him and who listened to his teaching and instruction - would come to his holy mountain and house to worship him and dwell with him in everlasting peace (Isaiah 2:3-5). The Advent season reminds us that we are living in the time between the first coming and second coming of the Lord Jesus.

The Lord Jesus calls us to be alert and watchful for his coming. He comes to us each and every day and he knocks on the door of our heart and home. Do you listen for his voice and welcome him into your life? Let his word in the Scriptures and the work of the Holy Spirit who dwells in you draw you to a deeper faith, hope, and yearning for his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. Those who wait upon the Lord today and listen to his word will not be disappointed. The Lord will come and bring you to his banquet table to feast with him.

This season is meant to be a time of preparation for the celebration of Our Lord's birth, and when he comes again in glory. Our readings for this season are all about being ready for when the Lord comes. We are called to turn away from sinful habits and actions, and to live the life that Christ calls us to live. As part of the Advent season we offer the sacrament of confession, also known as reconciliation or penance. This has a twofold effect for us. One, to prepare us for the Lord's coming, both at the end of time and in the Christmas celebration and two, to recommit ourselves to living the Christian life which we received at our baptism, and in the profession we made out our Confirmation. I pray that this season will be a blessed time for all of you. You will be in my prayers each day throughout this season.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Kieffer

**Job Opportunity:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help is seeking a full-time or two part-time Faith Formation director(s). Applicants must have a good knowledge of the Catholic faith and faith practice it. They must have a desire to work with our young people and their teachers to pass on that faith. Applications can be picked up at the parish office, or we can email it to you. Please contact Fr. Kieffer at 785-243-1099 or <a href="mailto:pastor@olphconcordia.org">pastor@olphconcordia.org</a>. Deadline for applications is January 30, 2026.