



# CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD LEADERSHIP REPORTS

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## ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

Mike Petruconis reported that there is a new **Stewardship** donation envelope dedicated towards debt reduction. As an incentive for parishes to pay down debt, contributions for this purpose are not assessed by the Archdiocese.

The **Buildings and Grounds** Committee will be meeting in March to discuss future needs for the campus. Jerry Baumberger and Ron Schmidt noted that there will be some items to consider, such as parking lot replacement, LED lighting in the worship space, roof replacements, and interior carpeting.

The **Lock Up Crew** continues to secure the adoration chapel on Friday and Sunday nights. Once the pandemic subsides, those duties will most likely expand.

**Communications** for Lent included a postcard recently sent to all parishioners announcing Ash Wednesday, Stations of the Cross on Fridays, and Reconciliation. Another mailing regarding Holy Week and Easter is planned along with additional advertising.

## COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION

**Grab & Go Donut Sunday** was a success. We are planning another one for March 7 with hopes for a warmer morning!

Although only a handful of couples signed up for our virtual **Celebrate Marriage** event, we decided to go ahead with it.

The next **Gather** event will be September 19, 2021. We are seeking committee volunteers and two co-chairs to start planning. Some possibilities discussed were the addition of food trucks and no rummage sale in 2021.

## FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

Faith Formation classes will continue online via Zoom.

“**Symbolon**” series is well underway; anyone can join at any time; see details on website.

Take-out **Fish Fry** hosted by Knights of Columbus on March 12 at Bloomington Event Center; proceeds going towards youth ministry. Watch for tickets sales soon; we thank you in advance for your support.

**First Reconciliation** will begin this week with individual confessions with Fr Rick.

**Confirmation** set for May 4 at St Edward.

**First Communion** set for May 16.

## PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION

We continue to have **funerals** regularly; so far attendance numbers have been small.

**Stephen Ministers** will be meeting in person in March to do some continuing education.

We are still advertising in the bulletin for volunteers for **Homebound Communion**. So far two parishioners have responded.

Fr. Rick continues to celebrate the **sacraments of Anointing and Reconciliation** individually by appointment, and both Mia Ah Sani and Mary Kay Hird are available to provide individual communion by appointment should people feel uncomfortable coming to Mass in person, or if they are in a vulnerable population.

**Hospital Ministry** and **Nursing Home Ministry** remain closed to visitors, so we are not providing services at the moment.

**Memorial Garden Committee** is going to be meeting in the next couple of months to plan spring and summer maintenance.

**Prayer shawls** continue to come in and go out. Shawls are blessed outside of a Mass, and are being packaged differently to minimize handling and contact.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION**

**Respect Life** discussed the Mother's Day Baby Shower Collection from May 1-9. Advertising to begin April 24-25. Barb Smyth will compile a complete list of items needed for SouthWest Options for Women and Birthright of Minneapolis. A SignUp Genius list will be created online. Cards and cash marked for Baby Shower can be dropped off in drop-box, or dropped in the collection. A bin will be in the chapel for other donations. Sharon Soderlund is working on practical assistance to other Pregnancy Crisis Centers including Pregnancy Choices and Wakota Guiding Star. She will be connecting with other organizations and parishes for donations to fulfill their lists of needs.

St. Edward will be providing drivers this week for **Meals on Wheels**; they have had a 35% increase in meals served in 2020 over 2019.

Some positive news for the economy in Nicaragua where our **Sister Parish** is located; this year they had a better coffee harvest than the previous year. Our Finance Council provided extra money for rectory repairs, and there sufficient funds for us to send the next food container. Sue is looking into posting one of the priest's letters on the website.

Ann has been communicating with Sra. Sondra about upgrading the internet service at Hogar Teresa Toda, our **Sister Community** in the Dominican Republic.

Still getting 3-4 requests/week for help with rent, utilities, car repairs, and medical bills from the **Dudley Fund**. Donations continue to come in.

Ann McGuire and Chuck Olson continue to deliver parishioner food donations to **VEAP**. Volunteers are still needed at the VEAP site in Bloomington.

St. Edward volunteers serve on the 3rd Thursday of the month at **Loaves & Fishes** at Oak Grove church in Bloomington. We also continue to donate to Loaves & Fishes in lieu of volunteering at an additional location.

We are continuing to donate money to **Catholic Charities** food programs.

### **WORSHIP COMMISSION**

The month of February brings about the liturgical season of **Lent**. On **Ash Wednesday**, we offered two Masses and three separate hours of drive –up ashes. It was great to see so many people coming out in person and watching the liturgies online. **Stations of the Cross** will be at 3:00pm on Fridays this year.

The **Thursday Mass** time has changed to 5:30pm; the Rosary remains at 6pm. **Drive-up Holy Communion** begins this month following the 9:30 Mass on Sundays. We continue with monthly pre-recorded prayers of the faithful. Watch for the middle school students coming up next. Keep your eye on liturgy updates as we work through the capital needs construction project.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next scheduled Leadership Night is March 16, beginning at 7:00pm via Zoom.

**All parishioners are invited to Leadership Night.** Zoom links are published on our website as part of the event approximately one week in advance of each month's meeting. Use the "Events" tab in the top menu of any page to find upcoming Leadership Nights.