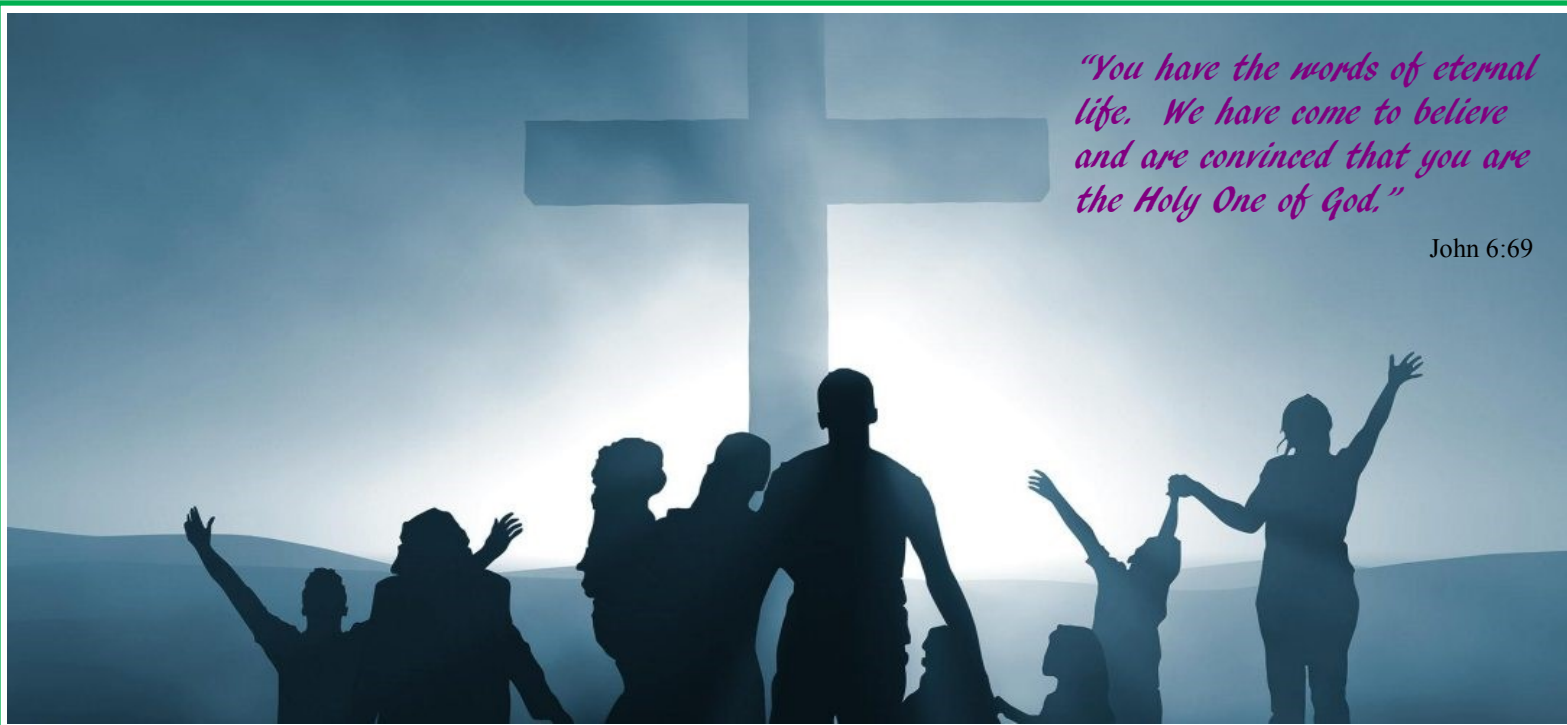


St. Edward the Confessor

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Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ



"You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

John 6:69

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22nd, 2021

THE PASTORAL TEAM

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Mr. Vincent Albrecht, Director of Confirmation
Mrs. Ann Braun, Secretary

Quick Guide to St. Edward's Parish

Not registered? Please stop by our Rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family!

Telephone Numbers

Rectory.....	921-8030 ext. 150
Rectory Fax.....	921-4549
St. Edward Confessor School.....	921-7767
Religious Education Office.....	921-8543
RCIA.....	921-8030 ext. 135
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Youth Ministry.....	921-8030 ext. 127
Pastoral Center Offices.....	921-8030 ext. 132

Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, August 28	5:00 PM	Msgr. Beckmann
Sunday, August 29	7:30 AM	Fr. Mike
	9:30 AM	Fr. Hyacinth or Fr. Celestine
	11:30 AM	Msgr. Beckmann

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays - 12:30 to 1:30 PM in the Church

You may also make an appointment by calling the rectory at: 516-921-8030.

Protect Our Children Hotline

If you or someone you know has experienced an incident of sexual abuse by clergy, an employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, please **contact law enforcement and the diocesan's Office for the Protection of Children and Young People.**

The Diocese maintains a special phone number to report these situations:

Tel.: 516-594-9063

Rectory Hours

The rectory will be open during the following times:

Mondays - Thursdays:	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Fridays:	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Closed for Lunch M-F:	1:00 PM to 2:00 PM
Saturdays - Sundays:	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Outside of these hours, please call: 516-921-8030

Our Weekly Offering

August 15, 2021	\$ 9,349.00
# of Envelopes	194
Automatic Trans.	\$ 5,460.00
# of Transactions	67
Total	\$ 14,809.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$ 1,887.00

We thank all who contributed to the support of our Parish! Fr. Mike

Websites / Social Media

Websites

Parish: www.st-edwards.org

School: www.stedwardconfessor.org

Religious Ed: www.saintedwardre.com

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St. Edward's Mass is Online -

The St. Edward's 7:30 AM and 11:30 AM Sunday Masses are recorded and posted online, both on YouTube and Facebook, and are available for viewing at any time.

YouTube - St. Edward the Confessor Church - Syosset

Facebook Page - St. Edward the Confessor Church

To watch the Sunday Masses on your smartphone, just scan this QR code.



“Have mercy on me, God, in accordance with your merciful love.”

Mass Intentions

Mon. - 8/23 - Mon. of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Alfredo Pingol, Jr.

Tues. - 8/24 - Feast of Saint Bartholomew
9:00 am Robert Williams

Wed. - 8/25 - Wed. of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Leo Wetter, Sr.

Thur. - 8/26 - Thur. of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Gregory Von Burg

Fri. - 8/27 - Memorial of Saint Monica
9:00 am Morgan Kelly Walsh

Sat. - 8/28 - Memorial of Saint Augustine
9:00 am Fr. Ed Kealey
5:00 pm Antonio Lunghi
Bobby Schiano
Tracy Oborski

Sun. - 8/29 - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am Salvatore Iannolo
9:30 am Marie Schmitt
11:30 am Julia Longinotti
Estela de la Rosa de Florimon
Vincent Del Vecchio
Johanna Grim
Edward Greeley
Renato Manzano

Please remember that the church will be open daily for your own private devotions, which may include: An Act of Spiritual Communion, Praying the Divine Office, Praying the Rosary, or writing down your own intentions in the book found at the rear of the church.

The Altar Bread & Wine

For the week of August 22 - August 28, 2021
Is Given in Loving Memory of

Sister Jackie

By: The Parishioners of St. Edwards

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of August 22 - August 28, 2021
Is Lit in Memory of

Sisters Mary Abud & Regina Roba

By: Faithful Catholics of the World

Military List

“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hand. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen”

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Maj. Joel Bernazzani, U.S. Air Force
Pvt. 1/C, Anthony M. Biz, U.S. Marine Corps
Pvt. John J. D’Amico, U.S. Army Airborne
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Sgt. Christopher Hofer, U.S. Air Force
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Seaman Liam Pieper, U.S. Navy
2nd t. Richard Martin Prestegaard, U.S. Army
Petty Officer Sean T. Sattler, U.S. Coast Guard
Lt. Brian Shields, U.S. Coast Guard
SSgt. Paul Smith, U.S. Army
Maj. James Tom, U.S. Army
2nd Lt. John P. Trainor, U.S. Marine Corps
1st Lt. Michelle Turcios, U.S. Army
Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Vann, U.S. Navy

“If you know of any military personnel listed above who are no longer in the service, please call the Rectory at: 516-921-8030 to have their name removed. In this way we can accommodate new names”.

Pray For The Sick

Joseph Kempton Malda Casagrande John Rooney
Kathy Rooney Edward Morea James Mc Glone
Nancy Klingler-Petzold Ryan DeRiggi
Irma Concilio

From Death to New Life



Christopher Knight

Evelyn L. LaRusso

The Readings for the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 - Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

Resp. Psalm – 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

The LORD has eyes for the just,
and ears for their cry.
The LORD confronts the evildoers,
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,
and from all their distress he rescues them.
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Many are the troubles of the just one,
but out of them all the LORD delivers him;
he watches over all his bones;
not one of them shall be broken.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Reading 2 – Ephesians 5:21-32

Brothers and sisters:

Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body. As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

Gospel – John 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "*Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.*" Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "*For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father.*"

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "*Do you also want to leave?*" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

From Fr. Mike's Desk

Today's readings deal with commitment, primarily our commitment to God, but also to the community. Joshua asks the people, as they are about to enter the Promised Land, if they would serve God or the gods of the people who were living in the Holy Land before they arrived. Joshua gives his answer that he and his household would follow the Lord, but he wants to hear the response of the others. As we read, they too will follow God because of all He did for them in freeing them from slavery in Egypt and leading them across the desert.

Jesus today confronts the twelve with the question, *"Do you also want to leave?"* Simon Peter answered him, *'Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.'*" The Apostles, through Peter, made their commitment to Jesus because they were convinced that he was the Holy One of God, and unlike the others who left Jesus they did not find His words too much to bear. Granted, they did not totally understand everything Jesus said and did, but they knew in their hearts that He was the Messiah. They knew this because they were called by God, the Father, to hear the words of God the Son. As Jesus says, *"For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."*

As it was 2021 years ago so it is for us now. Keep in mind that it is not totally our idea that we have responded to Jesus' call, God the Father called you first to the Son. Certainly, we have the free will to say yes or no, but in some way shape or form we have said yes to God, and to eternal life. Now, we know that some are coming to Sunday Mass because other members of the family are making them come (seen mainly in our kids as they are coming because their parents are making them come). Two comments; first, parents thank you for bringing your children, God's special gift to you. Keep bringing them to Mass, even when they fight you! Why, because you are giving them a great gift even if they do not know it. However, do not convince your children to come through punishment or threats, for they will associate God and Mass with punishment. Try to convince them the way Jesus convinced people to come to Him. Convince them with love and compassion, and share with your children how important your faith is to you, how much Jesus means to you and how much you love God and them. When parents/families make Mass a priority the children usually grow up making God and the Mass a major focus in their lives. Even if there is a period where they stop going, they always seem to return. This can, indeed, happen if you give your family a firm foundation.

I direct the second comment to the kids. Kids, even when you do not want to come to Mass or feel that you are getting nothing out of it, come anyway. As you grow older, and hopefully wiser, you will see a great need to come to Mass, as you will need to have your spiritual batteries recharged. You will find great comfort to know that there is a special place where you can come to get away from the world's problems (and even your own) and feel safe and at home with Jesus. This will come in time and if you keep focused, listen to what is being said, and who you are receiving in the Eucharist. Think about how important you are to God, that He called you to Himself and shares everything with you through Jesus. This can only happen if only you are open to God, and the best way to remain open to Him, is to come to the celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus is asking us to make a commitment and as He asked the Apostles, He is asking us, "Will you leave me too?" Hopefully, all of us will answer, **"Lord where can we go, you have the words of eternal life. You are the Holy One of God."**

God bless you always!

Fr. Mike

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Next Week's Readings

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 29, 2021

First Reading - Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Psalms - 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

Second Reading - James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Gospel - Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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**\*\*Please note that starting 9/12 mass  
will now be celebrated at 6pm!**

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**We are also in need of teen lectors for
our teen mass! Please contact Michelle
ASAP if you are interested in lectoring!**



**Our Kickoff event/Registration for
new members will be in October!
If you have any questions, please
contact msena@st-edwards.org**



St. Vincent de Paul



In today's Gospel, Jesus asks "Do you also want to leave?" We must ask ourselves if we really want to hear the good news of his love for us and for others. Is the word of God able to break into our consciousness, change us and call us to hear the cries of the poor?

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

If you know of someone who might benefit from a home visit, please call our conference at:

(516) 218-7837

Obligation to Return to Church

REMINDER - As of last Sunday, August 15th, the obligation to attend Holy Mass in person on Sundays was been restored. Please let your family and friends know that it's time to come home.

We've missed all of you and look forward to having everyone back once again.



PRAY FOR THE WORLD & PRAY FOR SOMEONE IN NEED

Add Your Special Intentions and Pray Along With

The St. Joseph's Prayer Group

Every Thursday at 7:30 PM

All are welcome to attend at the church, or pray from home.

Come to this prayer group, and **add your special intentions** as we pray the Rosary and The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. When you arrive, just mention to one of the greeters that you want to add a special attention. There will be a sign-up sheet for adding your special intention in the gathering area, adjacent to the basket holding the rosaries.

As 2021 is **The Year of Saint Joseph**, let us deepen our faith while being visible examples of what Catholics should strive to be. Praying in this manner is just one more way to answer the "*universal call to holiness*".

If you cannot come to the church, then pray with us online by using the '**Watch Mass Live**' link located on the home page of the St. Edward Church's website (www.st-edwards.org), or simply scan this QR code with your smartphone →



Special Raffle - 20th Anniversary of 9/11



SPECIAL RAFFLE 20th Anniversary of 9/11

4 TICKETS TO THE SUBWAY SERIES

Citi Field, Section 333

September 11, 2021

Game Time: 7:10 PM

\$50 per raffle, only 40 raffles available

If interested, e-mail John Rooney at: jrooney426@gmail.com Give your name, e-mail address and how many tickets you wish to purchase. John will then respond giving you VENMO instructions to pay for the raffle. Once you are paid you are counted in for the raffle. First 40 tickets paid for become the participants in that raffle. If we go past 40 tickets sold, we will have another raffle for an additional 4 seats at Citi Field. Each raffle will generate \$1000 to St. Edward's Parish.





Education Registration

Registration Info for the 2021-2022 School Year

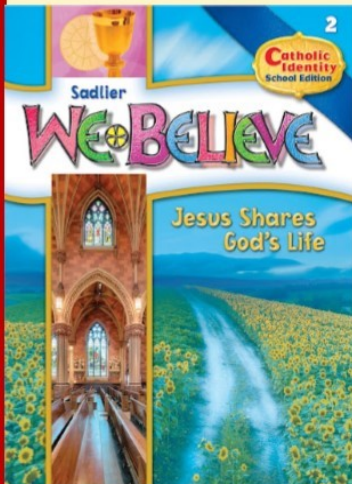


St. Edward's Religious Education is an 8 year faith formation program. Public School Students are required to begin their religious studies in grade 1 and finish their classes in grade 8.

Preparation for the reception of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion takes place in grades 1 and 2. Students will receive their First Reconciliation in March of grade 2 and their First Holy Communion in May of grade 2. Grades 3 through 6

are required continuation years for students in their religious education studies. Preparation for Confirmation occurs in grades 7 and 8. Students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Fall of grade 9.

After a year of virtual learning due to the pandemic, we are planning to resume in-school classes for religious studies this coming fall. Our scheduled opening date for Sunday classes is September 26th with weekday classes scheduled to begin the following week.



Families whose children were enrolled in Religious Education Classes last year, should have received a Registration Email on May 17th. These emails will be sent out again during the summer. If you did not receive this email on May 17th, please contact Mrs. Braun at abraun@st-edwards.org

Families who are new to the Program may register online by going to our website: saintedwardre.com. Select the link: **On-Line Registration for NEW Families**. These new families will later be contacted by our Office so that information may be given about the religious education program for your child.

****Please note that the Religious Education Office will reopen on August 30th. Any questions or concerns over the summer can be emailed to abraun@st-edwards.org or a message can be left on 516-921-4583.**

Come start the new school year off right!!

All school aged children are invited
to bring their backpacks to Church.



Backpack Sunday 2021

Sunday, September 12th

9:30am Family Mass

*There will be a special blessing at the Family Mass
for our parish school aged children, their families
and of course their backpacks.*

*What a great way to begin a new school year
by inviting God to be a part of it.*

CALLED TO BE A DEACON?

*If you are discerning a vocation to the diaconate,
you and your wife are invited to attend an*

INFORMATION SESSION

ONE OF THREE MEETING DATES:

7:00 PM Thursday, September 16th

4:00 PM Sunday, September 19th

7:00 PM Tuesday, September 21st

at the

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743.

**To reserve a place at one of the meetings,
contact Carol Rizzotti, at 631-423-0483 Ext. 179
or email diaconateformation@drvc.org.**



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2nd Saturday of the month

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Thank you for your continued support, we couldn't help others without you!

Ministry of Prayer: Do you need someone to pray for you or a family member? Call the rectory or the parish social ministry office to have your prayer request submitted to the prayer group. Please join our prayer ministry on Flocknote to receive the weekly prayer request.

If you are not receiving emails from St. Edward Confessor Church Flocknote and would like to please give me a call at the Parish Social Ministry Office. Stay connected!

Catholic Ministries Appeal - We Are So Close

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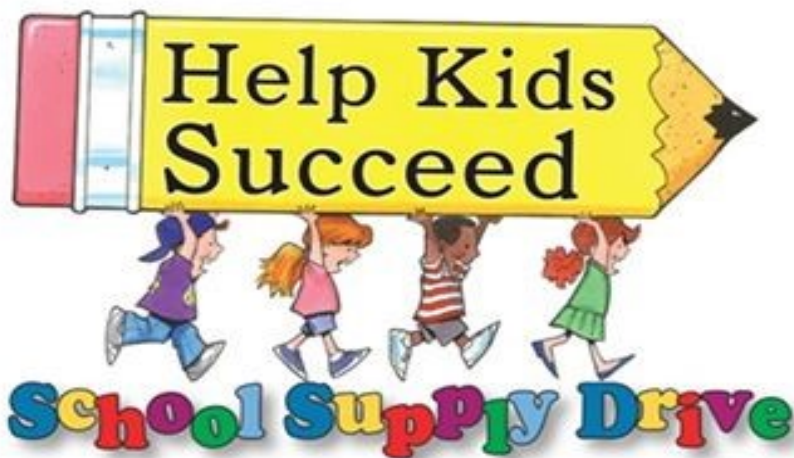
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God Calls Us to Glory Through Humility

Addressing the faithful gathered in Saint Peter's Square for the Sunday Angelus on the August 15th Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven, Pope Francis offered his opening reflections on the importance of this Feast, saying "Mary's secret is humility." God looks at the heart, he said, and Mary's humility drew God's gaze to her. He observed that often times the human eye is instead overtaken with appearances and grandeur, while overlooking the essential importance of humility. By looking to Mary assumed into heaven, the Pope said we see how "humility is the way that brings her to Heaven". To rise up to heaven, we need to be humble he said, noting the origin of the word humble comes from the Latin word humus meaning "earth". Our gifts, or wealth, are not what allow us to be exalted by God, but instead, it is our humility, our loving and serving God in total giving that matters, the Pope underscored.

Back to School Drive: Time to start the back to school drive! We will be collecting school supplies during the month of August. You may also purchase Target and Stop & Shop Gift Cards in the vestibule before and **after the weekend Masses 8/21-22 and 8/28-29**. Thank you for helping to provide the tools to those students in need to have a successful school year.

**ST. EDWARD PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY
BACK-TO-SCHOOL COLLECTION**



Donations can be placed in the food collection box in the Gathering Area of the Church



We would like the children to have the best learning opportunities possible, beginning with having the tools to succeed in the classroom.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

- Items Needed:**
- Backpacks**
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 - Markers**
 - Glue Sticks**
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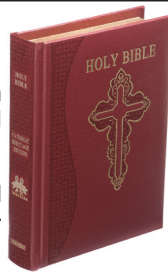
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