

Ministries List

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If you would like more information about any of the following ministries, please contact the Parish office (church@stedwards.org), telling them which ministries you are interested in - they will put you in contact with the appropriate Ministry Coordinator(s).

Ministry	Description	Contact(s)
Adult Bible Study (Mornings)	Another way in which the Church of St. Edward the Confessor encourages formation of faith is through study of Holy Scripture. The year of study is usually divided into six to eight week topics which include works from both Old and New Testament books. The group assumes a very interactive format, searching for ways in which the message of God impacts not only the history of our faith but also the personal here and now of our lives. The group meets during the school year on Thursday mornings from 9:45 - 11:00 am in Classroom 5.	Peggy Behrman
Altar Server	Altar servers assist the priest/celebrant at Masses. Volunteers for this ministry must be at least in the 4 th grade.	Parish Office
Arts & Crafts	Volunteers who are willing to provide help with arts and crafts as needed in the parish.	Parish Office
Bake Sales	Volunteers who are willing to provide baked goods for bake sales as needed in the parish.	Chris Montis
Baptismal Team	The Baptismal Team prepares first-time parents for Baptism of their child(ren) by meeting with them to explain the Church's teaching on the Rite of Baptism for Children. This meeting includes a review of the symbols and signs used in the Rite, as well as an emphasis on the parents' long-term responsibilities regarding the Baptism of their child and the support available from Saint Edward Parish.	Paul & Pat Belhorn
Buildings & Grounds / Flowers	Volunteers who are willing to provide help with buildings and grounds and/or flowers as needed in the parish.	Dick McDonald Martin Flautt
Campus Ministry	Campus Ministry seeks to foster the integral growth of the Catholic students of the Denison University community, focusing on the personal, spiritual, and moral development of these students and helping them as they strive to form a personal relationship with God.	Msgr. Enke
Cantor	The cantor has the privilege and responsibility of presenting the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel Acclamation, both of which are Sacred Scripture, to the gathered assembly at the Mass. In addition, the cantor assists the assembly in singing other musical portions of the Mass. Parishioners with previous vocal experience	Julia Parker

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	and/or vocal training are invited to contact the Director of Music.	
Career Counseling	The Career Counseling ministry is made up of volunteers who wish to help fellow parishioners in developing resumes and preparing for interviews.	Jeremy Wermter Michael Whiting
Caring Committee	The Caring Committee is a division of the Women of St. Edward, and is made up of volunteers who are ready to take meals to families where someone has been hospitalized or experienced a temporary illness or crisis.	Shirley Brough Carol Flautt
Carpentry	Volunteers who are willing to provide help with carpentry as needed in the parish.	Dick McDonald
Catholics Returning Home Team	A six-week program designed to reach-out and invite non-practicing/inactive Catholics to return "Home to the Catholic Church" and resume active practice of their faith.	Mike Millisor
Children's Choir	The children's choir includes children in grades 2 - 6. The choir sings at 2 Masses during the semester. Particular emphasis is placed on preparing for the Children's Christmas Eve Mass. The choir season for this year will run from mid-September through December. Rehearsals are 45 minutes in length and are held on Sundays after the 10:45 Mass in the choir loft.	Julia Parker Bob Wantz
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Children are offered the opportunity to enrich their appreciation for God's presence in the ritual proclamation of the Word during the Mass. Each Sunday at a designated Mass, the children 5 years and older are invited to leave the larger parish assembly after the Opening Prayer to participate in a concurrent Liturgy of the Word. The children return to the assembly for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Adult parish volunteers, dedicated to this ministry, lead this program utilizing the Children's Lectionary and a specific program of reflection and prayer.	Pat Belhorn
Choir (Teens & Adults)	The choir sings at the 10:45 Sunday Mass, the Christmas Midnight Mass, Holy Thursday Mass, Confirmation and other Holy Day Masses as member schedules permit. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the choir loft. The Parish invites both high school students and adults who enjoy singing and wish to promote "active participation of the faithful" to sing in this choir. The choir season begins the Sunday after Labor Day and ends with Corpus Christi Sunday in early June.	Julia Parker
Collection Counter (Enumerator)	Teams of volunteers who count and deposit the Sunday Offertory collection each week - selection contingent on interview with Parish Office.	Parish Office
Computer Technology	Volunteers who are willing to provide help with computer technology as needed in the parish.	Parish Office
Craft Bazaar	Volunteers who are willing to provide help with the annual Christmas Craft Bazaar, sponsored by the Women of St. Edward. Areas where help is needed include organizing and planning, Food Sale, Flower Sale, vendor solicitation and control, kitchen help for	Merilee Wagner

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	lunch, raffle ticket sales, setting up and cleaning up.	
Deanery Council	The Deanery Council representative is appointed from the membership of the Parish Council and volunteers from the parish assist the appointed Deanery Council Representative. The Deanery Council representative represents St. Edward the Confessor parish at Deanery meetings.	Mike Maurer Gregg Hinterschied
Edwardians (50+)	Parishioners 50 years and older are invited for socializing and to become better acquainted with fellow parishioners. Members meet for lunch on the second Tuesday of each month and occasionally have a speaker following the meal. Day trips and overnight trips are frequently scheduled.	Kathleen Mahoney
Electrical	Licensed electricians who are willing to provide help in electrical areas as needed in the parish.	Dick McDonald
Eucharistic Adoration	Each Monday after the 9 a.m. Mass, the Eucharist is exposed for adoration throughout the day and night until 9 a.m. Mass on Tuesday. To sign up for a specific hour of prayer, please call the Eucharistic Adoration Coordinator.	Arline Iannicello Kim Chupka
Eucharistic Minister	Parishioners authorized and trained to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion during Masses. To be considered for this ministry, parishioners must be at least High School Seniors.	Parish Office
Fall Festival	Volunteers who are willing to provide help with the annual Fall Festival, sponsored by the Women of St. Edward. Areas where help is needed include organizing and planning, games, Flower Sale, preparing and serving lunch, ticket sales, setting up and cleaning up.	Merilee Wagner
Fish Fries	Volunteers who are willing to provide help with the Lenten Fish Fries sponsored by the Parish. Areas where help is needed include breeding fish, preparing salads, cooking fish, serving dinners, serving beverages, dessert table, take-out service, selling tickets, advertising, setting up and cleaning up.	Bev Knoderer Ruby Hall
Flower Arranging	Volunteers who are willing to provide help with arrangement of flowers to decorate the Church for major Church celebrations, such as Christmas and Easter.	Nancy Hughes Regina Ceneviva
Funeral (Resurrection) Choir	Consists of parishioner volunteers who sing at funeral Masses.	Rosemary McCarthy
Funeral Lunch Committee	Teams of parishioners who prepare and serve lunches after funerals in the parish.	Barb Hinterschied
General Cleaning	Volunteers who are willing to provide help in general cleaning as needed in the parish.	Diane Kinney Kevin Kinney
General Maintenance	Volunteers who are willing to provide help in general maintenance as needed in the parish.	Dick McDonald
Gift Bearer	Parishioners/families who volunteer to bring the bread and wine offerings to the celebrant at the Offertory during weekend Masses.	Ruby Hall

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Granville Fellowship	The Granville Fellowship joins other area churches in providing a monthly senior luncheon.	Carol Flautt Norma Bastone
Homebound Ministry	Communion Visitation for the sick and homebound takes place every Sunday after the first Mass. In addition, social and religious visits are made to the homebound at any time.	Virginia Dougan
Hospitality Ministry	The goal of the Hospitality Ministry is to ensure that everyone who arrives for worship services and other activities at St. Edward's parish receives a sincere and friendly welcome.	Ginny Prusaczyk
Instrumentalist	Parishioners who play brass, woodwind or stringed (including guitar) instruments are invited to volunteer, listing the instrument(s) they play. Instrumentalists may serve as soloists at any Mass or play with the ensemble at the monthly Youth Mass.	Julia Parker
Kitchen Help - Serving Food	Volunteers who are willing to provide kitchen help and/or help with serving food as needed in the parish.	Diane Kinney
Knights of Columbus	This Catholic Fraternal organization sponsors social and fundraising events to benefit the parish, community, and special diocesan projects. Membership is open to all Catholic men 18 years of age and over. Member meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7pm in the social hall.	Scott Scholten
Lector	Parishioners 14 years of age and older authorized and trained to proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture (other than the Gospel) during Masses, and to announce the intentions for the General Intercessions.	Parish Office
Lenten Soup Suppers	Volunteers who are willing to provide crocks of soup and help with the setting up, serving, and cleaning up for our Lenten Soup Suppers. These suppers are sponsored by a different organization each week, and you can volunteer through the sponsoring organization.	Mike Millisor
Liturgy Committee	<p>The Liturgy Committee assists and advises the Pastor in planning, preparing, implementing, evaluating, and educating about all aspects of liturgical celebration and worship of the Parish. The goal of this committee is to provide liturgical services that enhance the spiritual experience of the Parish community as they come together in worship.</p> <p>The Liturgy Committee consists of parish members and the pastor as the spiritual leader. The group meets every other month (except during the summer) to review current liturgies, assess the need for improvement, receive new material and programs to enhance liturgical services, and to seek ways to involve more participation by the parishioners.</p> <p>Members are appointed from volunteers as vacancies arise.</p>	Alex Deak
Mailings - Collating	Volunteers who are willing to provide assistance with mailings or collating as needed in the parish.	Regina Ceneviva

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Men's Faith-Sharing Group	A group of men who wish to grow in their understanding of their Catholic faith and to share their faith and experiences through friendship, prayer, and fraternity, seeking God's help in dealing with issues they confront everyday and providing spiritual support to each other.	Ivan Hall Steve Blubaugh
Men's Group for Re-Discovery	This very informal group undertakes wide-ranging discussions, teaching and learning, all related to Catholic tradition - where it was and where it is today, with an aim to better understand and improve our faith. We meet Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge.	Paul Jakob
Nursery (10:45 Mass)/Babysitting	Childcare is provided at the 10:45 Mass on Sundays for preschool children. The nursery is located in classroom 6. Childcare is also provided for the children of Catechists in the PSR program and participants in the RCIA program.	P. J. Kadlic
Painting	Volunteers who are willing to help with painting as needed in the parish.	Dick McDonald
Parish Council	The Parish Council represents the people of the parish and serves as an advisory board to the Pastor who is the head of our parish family. The Council coordinates parish activities through their committees and promotes development of long-range plans. The Council and Pastor seek to learn the will of God for St. Edward's parish and to enact or implement this as best it is able. The Council meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm.	John Martin
Parish Finance Committee	An advisory body whose members are appointed by the Pastor. The primary responsibility of the Parish Finance Committee is to assist and advise the Pastor regarding the financial and operational well-being of the parish in accordance with Diocesan policies and directives. The work of this committee involves preparation and administration of the annual budget and review of monthly financial statements to ensure ongoing solvency of the parish. New members are selected as vacancies arise.	Parish Office
Parish Newsletter	St. Edward's publishes a quarterly newsletter called <i>The Confessor</i> . All parishioners are invited to submit articles and ministry chairpersons are solicited for updates and information they wish to share. The newsletter committee is comprised of parish volunteers and new volunteers are ALWAYS welcome!	Tim Miller Ali Olasin Scott Ted Waggoner
Parish Receptions	Volunteers who are willing to provide help in setting up, hosting, and preparing food for parish receptions throughout the year, including Jesus Day Breakfast, First Communion Reception, Confirmation Reception, RCIA Breakfast and Reception, Graduation Reception, and others as needed in the parish.	Ruby Hall
Phone Calls	Volunteers who are willing to provide assistance with phone calls as needed in the parish.	Parish Office
Photography	Volunteers who are willing to provide assistance with photography as needed in the parish.	Parish Office
Plumbing	Licensed plumbers who are willing to help with plumbing as needed	Dick McDonald

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Pray for Parish Family	Volunteers who are willing to pray for our parish family.	Michele Gardner
Prayer Chain	This group is made up of parishioners who are dedicated to praying for specific needs as identified to the parish office.	Michele Gardner
Preschool Volunteer	Male and female volunteers are needed to assist in the parish preschool. Volunteers are needed for reading, assisting with art and providing time to listen, watch and hold a preschooler. Also needed are volunteers who can make us doll clothes, dress-up outfits, sanitize/wash toys and hang up children's art projects.	Linda Foley
PSR Catechist or Volunteer	St. Edwards offers Catholic Faith instruction for the children and youth of all registered parishioners. Its primary purpose is to assist parents in their role of growing and nurturing an active, conscious and living faith for their children. The program focuses on the progressive development of responsible and value-conscious Christian citizenship. It encompasses preschool through Confirmation and coincides with the September through May academic year. An important part of the PSR (Parish School of Religion) curriculum is the preparation of baptized children and youth for parish celebrations of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. The calendar of class schedules, sacrament celebrations and registration information for the upcoming school year are announced each summer. Parents should contact the Religious Education office at 587-4160 for details. Parishioners interested in the ministry of volunteer catechist or helping in the Religious Education Office are encouraged to call.	Mike Millisor
RCIA Team & Sponsors	Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and/or the Church's process for becoming Catholic are invited to participate. The Parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Team leads this experience of faith formation, prayer, worship and learning. The process begins in the fall each year. Previously-baptized adult Catholics who have not received one or more of the remaining sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) are also invited to participate. Parishioners are also invited to become members of the RCIA Team or to serve in the ministry of Sponsor.	Mike Millisor
Respect Life Committee	The Respect Life Committee exists to bring awareness to parishioners of the intrinsic value of every human life. Our goal is to provide awareness regarding the respect for human life from every aspect, with a special emphasis and focus on: Abortion, Scientific Embryo Research, Euthanasia, and Contraception. Committee activities and programs tend to focus on four main areas: Prayer, Education and awareness, Direct support to women in crisis pregnancies, and Legislative advocacy (Responsible Citizenship).	John Koenig
Rosary Garden	The Rosary Garden committee oversees the development and	Mickey Smith

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	maintenance of the Parish Rosary Garden.	
Rosary Maker	Volunteers who are interested in making rosaries.	Janine Kozlowski
Secretarial/Typing	Volunteers who are willing to provide help with secretarial duties and/or typing as needed in the parish.	Parish Office
Sewing	Volunteers who are willing to provide help with sewing as needed in the parish.	Parish Office
St. Vincent de Paul Center	<p>The St. Edward Conference of St. Vincent de Paul has joined with the Conferences of St. Francis, St. Leonard and Blessed Sacrament Parishes in the operation of a non-profit multipurpose outreach Center which is located in Newark. Opportunities for service for individuals and families include the Thrift Store, the Food Pantry, Help Line, publicity, donation processing, stocking shelves, answering phone, maintenance, truck delivery, and more! For more information, visit the St. Vincent de Paul Center website:</p> <p>http://www.svdpcenter.org/.</p>	Tom Martin
St. Vincent de Paul Conference	<p>Parishioners have the opportunity to help with person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in our area. Meetings are the 2nd Sunday of each month after the last Mass. There is a work session on the 4th Sunday of the month at 6:00 P.M. Opportunities for service include Home Visits, Dispatching, Christmas Giving Tree, Publicity, Fundraising, and more. Our work is the Gospel message in action.</p>	Gregg Hinterschied
St. Vincent Haven	<p>The St. Vincent Haven offers emergency shelter to men for up to 30 days. The problem of homelessness is very real in the Newark area. We hope to later offer homeless shelter for women and families. Operation of this magnitude requires a lot of people. From an executive director to the many employees we have just to keep the doors open, we are in constant need of people to help. The Haven needs many, many volunteers: they need people to provide food, people to help raise funds, and people to just be there during the hours of operation. Please consider helping in whatever way you feel called to help. All help is appreciated. Volunteers are never left in charge of the shelter, but rather, "shadow" staff members. The Haven needs to have at least two people present in the shelter at all times - volunteers make up the bulk of those people. We mostly need your presence, but we need a lot of people to fill in a schedule that goes from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 A.M., seven days a week.</p>	Ruby Hall
Stewardship Ministry	<p>The goal of the Stewardship Committee is to promote the stewardship message and assist in establishing stewardship as a way of life for the parish. Today a call is sounding throughout the Catholic Church to a new way of looking at giving and sharing - this is the call to Christian Stewardship, a way of life that centers around God and the understanding that He is the source and provider of all we have - our life, our talents and abilities, and also our financial and material possessions. All of this is a gift from God</p>	Suzanne Shook Ivan Hall

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	- we are merely the caretakers, or stewards of these gifts.	
Teams of Our Lady	An international movement of married couples whose purpose is to foster growth in the spiritual life of the couple and family through a program of prayer and study.	Bob & Barb Doran
Transportation for Mass	Parishioners who volunteer to drive the elderly, handicapped, or others requiring transportation, to and from Sunday Mass when these fellow parishioners are unable to get to Mass on their own.	John Jauch
Usher	Ushers assist in seating parishioners for Liturgy and taking up the collection. They provide "good order" as needed. This ministry is open to all Parishioners 16 years and older.	Ginny Prusaczyk
Vacation Bible School (Ecumenical)	St. Edward Catholic, First Presbyterian, First Baptist and St. Luke's Episcopal Churches join together to sponsor an ecumenical week of learning and fun for children. VBS is held in June annually.	Mike Millisor
Vinton County Clothing Collection	Fall and spring donations are gathered at St. Edward to assist the work of Sister Linda Lewandowski in Vinton County.	Carla Beckerley
Welcome Ministry	Jesus calls us to be hospitable people. He calls us to be gracious and caring at the celebration of the Eucharist. He calls us to be faith-filled people working together to build up His Church, working together to build his people into the Body of Christ. This is the mission of the Welcome Ministry, to ensure that all are invited to be a part of the parish family in our desire to be a welcoming community.	Janet Montis
Women of St. Edward	The mission of the Women of St. Edward (WSE) group is to strengthen fellowship among the women of St. Edward Church through service to the Church and to each other, through religious and leadership programs and social activities. The essential and overriding purpose of WSE is to promote spirituality, service and social interaction among the women in the parish. To accomplish this purpose, this organization has as goals to conduct business meetings and informational and/or entertaining programs monthly, to support independent committees, groups, and ministries within St. Edward's parish, as well as other charitable groups/causes, and to raise and maintain the funds needed to support the WSE mission. Meetings are at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month during the school year.	Merilee Wagner
Youth Ministry	The purpose of this ministry is to strengthen the spiritual lives of young people. It is an important part of our parish community life. The Youth Minister facilitates faith formation in motivational and social gatherings for junior high and senior high teens. The schedule of activities is available in the Youth Ministry Office and in the weekly bulletin. Adult volunteers are welcome to assist in this ministry.	Drew Snyder