



December 2023 St. Edward Activity Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7:35am Rosary 8am Mass 8:30am Adoration 3pm Confession
3 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30am PSR	4 6pm Mom's Group	5 7pm Stephen Ministry	6 5pm Hunger Center	7 7pm Vigil Mass Adoration Thurs-Sun	8 OFFICE CLOSED Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8am Mass 1:15pm Mass	9 Red Tub Weekend 2-4pm Confession
10 Red Tub Weekend 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:30am PSR Second Collection: Retire Religious Fund	11 <i>Deadline for Christmas Altar Flower Forms</i>	12 Children's Christmas Program	13 5pm Hunger Center 6:30pm Boy Scouts	14 5:30pm Catholic Daughters (offsite) Adoration Thurs-Sun	15 6pm Scouts	16 2-4pm Confession
17 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:30am PSR	18 6pm Mom's Group 7pm Veritas et Virtus	19 LAST DAY OF CLASSES 1pm SVdP Meeting 7pm Stephen Ministry	20 5pm Hunger Center 7pm Knights of Columbus	21 OFFICE 8-NOON Adoration Thurs-Sun	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23 2-4pm Confession
24 CHRISTMAS MASSES: 4:30pm Vigil Mass 10pm Christmas at Night	25 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30am Christmas Day Mass	26	27 5pm Hunger Center	28 Adoration Thurs-Sun	29	30 3pm Confession
31	January 1 OFFICE CLOSED Solemnity of Mary 9am Mass	January 2 OFFICE CLOSED 7pm Stephen Ministry				

ST. EDWARD School



Left to right: Sister M. Charline,
Mother M. Immaculate, Sister Marie,
Sister M. Edward

This year, St. Edward School is celebrating 70 years educating children in Ashland, and we want to honor the sisters who founded and staffed St. Edward School over the years.

Our Giving Tuesday fundraiser this year is for the commissioning of a statue of a sister with school children. Local artist, Fred del Guidice, will produce a statue using the likeness of Sister Marina and children dressed in school uniforms. We intend to place the statue in the corner near the steps of the original school building.

Thank you for helping with this special project in honor and memory of the sisters, who not only dedicated their lives to the church, but also to the children of St. Edward School. We are very excited about this project as we celebrate 70 years of quality faith-based education.

Just go to wegivecatholic.org - search for St. Edward School - Click and donate or you can send a check to St. Edward School on or before **November 28th**.

November 28th–24 hours of online giving #wegivecatholic

Eucharistic Miracle of AVIGNON

FRANCE, 1433

On November 30, 1433 a small church run by the Gray Penitents of the Franciscan order was exhibiting a consecrated Host for perpetual adoration. After days of rain, the rivers swelled and surprisingly, Avignon was submerged. By boat, two friars of the Order succeeded in reaching the church where the Holy Sacrament had been left for adoration. When they entered the church, they saw that the waters were divided to the right and to left, leaving the altar and the Sacrament perfectly dry.

The Eucharistic Miracle of Avignon happened in the church of the Holy Cross, home of the Gray Penitents of the Franciscan Order, whose founding goes back to the times of Pious King Louis VIII. At the time of this miracle, Avignon was considered the center of Christendom and the city's "Palais des Papes" was home to a series of seven popes. After several days of heavy rain, the Sorgue and Rhône rivers rose steadily and reached a dangerous height. Finally, on November 30, 1433, Avignon, was flooded. The friars were certain that their little church, which stood along the Sorgue, had been destroyed by the raging waters. Fearing that the Blessed Sacrament, which was on display for perpetual adoration, had been swept away, the head of the Order and another friar rowed to the Church. Getting there was difficult, but when they finally arrived they found a miracle. **Although water around the church was four feet high, a pathway from the entrance to the altar was perfectly dry. The Sacred Host was unscathed. The pathway from the entrance to the altar called to mind the parting of the Red Sea in Moses' time, for all along the sides of the Church, water steadily rose, but the pathway remained completely dry.** Amazed by what they were seeing, the friars had others from their Order come to the Church to verify the miracle. Today, every November 30th, the brothers reunite at the Chapelle des Pénitents Gris to celebrate the memory of the miracle. Before the blessing of the Holy Sacrament, the brothers perform a sacred chant taken from the Canticle of Moses, which was composed after the parting of the Red Sea : *"I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant... At a breath of your anger the waters piled up, the flowing waters stood like a mound, the flood waters congealed in the midst of the sea... In your mercy you led the people you redeemed ; in your strength you guided them to your holy dwelling."*

(Exodus 15, 1-18)