



St. Edward  
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

September 13/14, 2025

Hello again St. Edward family,

I want to take this opportunity to keep you informed of a number of things going on here in your parish.

First of all, I thank each and every one of you for the kind and sincere birthday wishes, and for all that you have done for me. This may not be the largest parish, but it surely has a big heart. I am so happy to be here with you.

Last weekend, Pope Leo XIV canonized two new Saints-Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis. Although they lived almost 100 years apart, both were very young when they died. I could write an entire book on them, but for now let's pray to them to help convert young people and help them see the goodness and blessings of God.

Next week is the 3rd annual School Gala. At the time of writing this, tickets are still available. Hope to see you there!

October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis loved animals. That day I will be offering a pet blessing for your pets. More details to follow. Please bring them all-great and small.

In cooperation with the Diocese of Covington, we will be participating in an initiative on Giving Tuesday (December 2, 2025). On that day we will be raising money for a special project that needs to be undertaken by the parish. Although it will be done on-line, cash and checks will be accepted in the parish office. The great news is that if we collect 120% of our established goal, it will not be taxed by the diocese. Any funds above 120% will be subject to the tax. Please stay tuned for additional information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mark Sifford or myself.

Finally, I need to report that there are some major issues that need to be taken care of in the rectory. The biggest issue is with all three bathrooms. They are pretty much original from when constructed in the 1960s. The tiles on the walls and floors are in terrible shape. The plumbing is antiquated and the tubs are not able to be properly cleaned. The ceiling has large unpatched holes. Unfortunately, we do not know if there is any other damage or mold issues until we begin the demolition process. In addition to that, the air conditioner has been having issues. To date, approximately \$5000 has been spent to maintain it this year alone. There have been several bids submitted by contractors for the renovations. In the near future, a board with photos and a "money thermometer" will be placed in the Walnut Street entrance of Church with permission from the finance council, parish council, and maintenance committee. Let me know if you'd like to see it in person. So far by just talking about it, some generous donations have already been made.

May God bless you and may his abundant Peace be with you.

Father Joe