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OUR PARISH STORY



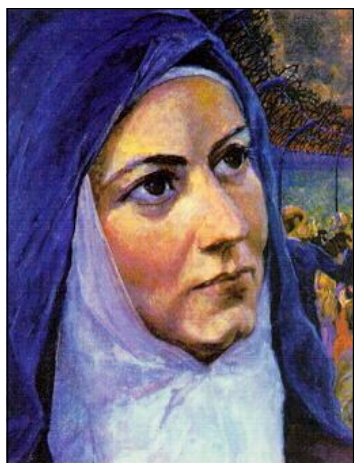
On September 1st, St. Edith Stein Catholic Church celebrates its anniversary. Decried by Bishop Joseph Fiorenza and founded by Reverend Robert Barras in 1999, the parish had the distinct honor of being the first church in the United States to be named in honor of Saint Edith Stein.

It is with joy that we recall the early days of our parish, when we celebrated Eucharist at Mayde Creek Junior High School. Each Sunday, teams of dedicated volunteers moved chairs, rolled out carpet, prepared sound equipment and carried sacramental vessels in and out of the junior high cafeteria. We quickly outgrew the size of the junior high and needed a place to call our own.

We moved into our current Sanctuary and Christian Formation Center in the Spring of 2004. The expression, "if you build it, they will come" has been true in our case. The 150 founding families have now grown to 1,800 plus registered families and we are praying for continued growth in the years to come.

In 2008, Father Bob was transferred to St. Bernadette Parish in Clear Lake, Texas. His successor, Reverend Ryszard Kulma, came from Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in Cypress. Father Kulma is a native of Poland. From the land where St. Edith Stein was martyred at Auschwitz, our pastor came to lead us into a new decade and another chapter in our parish's history.

OUR PATRON SAINT



Saint Edith Stein was born on Yom Kippur, October 12, 1891. She was the 11th child in a devout Jewish family. Her father died when she was just three years old. As a young child, Edith's family lived across the street from a Roman Catholic church. She would listen on Sundays as the bells would toll and she watched the people as they went to Mass.

Despite her mother's deep Jewish faith, Edith professed to be an atheist between the ages of fifteen and twenty one. She was a gifted student who thrived in college and Edith went on to become a professor and teacher of philosophy. She achieved remarkable success in her field; she was a profound "thinker" and she was always searching for answers and for what was real.

A turning point in her life was when she picked up a book by Saint Theresa of Avila called "The Book of Her Life." Edith was always searching for "truth" and after reading the book, she decided she had found it in the Catholic faith. Edith was baptized at 30 years old in the Cathedral Church in Cologne, Germany and she went on to teach at a Dominican School. After twelve years of waiting, Edith was finally accepted into the Carmel of Cologne and at the age of 42, she took the name Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

During World War II, Sr. Benedicta feared her community might suffer because of her Jewish heritage and she and her younger sibling, Rosa, were transferred to Holland for safety. However, after the Nazis invaded Holland, Sr. Benedicta and Rosa were arrested and then sent to the gas chambers of Auschwitz on August 9, 1942. Edith was 51 years old.

As a parish, we often recall and honor the words that she scribbled on a scrap of paper and threw from the train to Auschwitz to her Mother Superior. The note read: "Ave Crux, Spes Unica" which translates to "Hail, O Cross; Our Only Hope!" Saint Edith Stein was canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 11, 1998.

FROM OUR PASTOR

Welcome to St. Edith Stein, a diverse, energetic community of believers. Formed in 1999, we still consider ourselves to be a fairly young parish. We are over 1,900 families strong, and continue to grow every day. We try to make every effort to welcome new members with open hearts and to maintain a friendly and encouraging place of worship for everyone.



Along with history of our parish and our beloved patron, Saint Edith Stein, this booklet also provides you with descriptions of many of our parish groups, organizations and ministries. The easiest way to get to know other parishioners is to get involved in parish life and there is truly something for everyone here at St. Edith Stein.

In order to register with the parish, you must fill out the *New Member Registration Form* provided at the back of this booklet. After that is filled out and returned, you will receive your official donation envelopes in approximately six weeks. For those who enjoy automatic payments, there is also a form you can fill out to have donations taken directly out of your bank account or charged to a credit card.

The New Member Registration Form can be placed in the collection basket during Mass or dropped off during office hours, so we can meet you and welcome you in person. All other forms need to be received by the staff in the Parish Office or mailed to: St. Edith Stein Catholic Church, 3311 N. Fry Road, Katy, Texas, 77449. Again, we welcome you and hope that you will decide to make St. Edith Stein your parish home.

In Christ,

Fr. Ryszard Kulma

Father Ryszard Kulma

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STEWARDSHIP : OUR WAY OF LIFE

**“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”
(1 Peter 4:10)**

It can be easy in our secular society to view ourselves, our positions and our possessions in terms of “ownership”. For example: “this is my life”, or “this is my spot” or “this is my stuff”. In contrast to the secular human perspective of “ownership,” is God’s divine perspective of “stewardship”. Stewardship is simply realizing and living the truth that all we are and all we have – is given to us from our living, loving God, who created the universe and all within it – including every human being.

As Catholic Christians, being Stewards of God’s grace means to live in imitation of our Savior Jesus Christ, who is the divine embodiment of stewardship. Jesus “did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life...” Matthew 20:28. The purpose of our existence is to glorify God by our life: through knowing, loving and serving Him in the image of Jesus. We know it is not always easy to know, love and serve the Lord in our society. It takes discipline. Our Christian vocation, our “call” is to be more than an “admirer” of Jesus. We are called to be a “disciple” of Jesus. Once one chooses to become a disciple of Jesus Christ, Stewardship is not an option; it becomes our way of life.

People often may say “my faith is a private matter”. Our secular culture often influences us to minimize or privatize our faith; to push it to the margins of society, confining it to our interior hearts, or perhaps in our homes. The truth of Stewardship as our way of life is the opposite of the false belief of a “private faith”. Our faith is personal, but it is not meant to be private. Jesus said: “Go and make disciples of all nations...” (Matthew 28:19). In Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, our vocation is more than keeping the faith; it is to spread the faith, in ourselves, our homes, our parish and our community.

Christian stewardship is often expressed in terms of the gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure. God has blessed each individual with a unique combination of each of these three gifts. Some have more, some have less, but all have enough to share! While many Catholics are generous in giving of themselves and their resources to the Church, others do not respond to the needs in proportion to what they possess. The result is a lack of resources which hampers the Church’s ability to carry out its mission and obstructs people’s growth as disciples.

In this welcome booklet, you will find many ways to offer your unique gifts to glorify God as a disciple of Jesus Christ. We ask you to prayerfully review and discern how you are being called to share your gifts. The back of the registration form provides you a list of opportunities and you may choose how you would offer your time, talent and treasure to bless our parish. As you choose to share what God has first given to you, stewardship grows and continues as our way of life.

St. Edith Stein Stewardship Committee

Protecting Children

FOR ADULTS—The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston is committed to ensuring the safety of our children and young people in keeping with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This effort is being realized by programs for adults designed to equip adults who work with minors with information necessary to help prevent the abuse and exploitation of children.

FOR CHILDREN—A sexual abuse prevention program for children and youth, in grades K-12, is also offered here at the parish once a year. **Contact:** Diane Flynn

Children's Catechesis & Evangelization

Children's Catechesis and Evangelization (CCE) is our parish religious education program for children PK – 8th grade. The program runs September – May. Children attend classes weekly on either Tuesdays or Wednesdays for one hour. Children who wish to prepare for a sacrament next year should be registered and attending CCE classes this year and registered for the sacrament. Ministry opportunities: Weekly catechists, aides, and hall monitors are needed. **Contact:** Melissa Powell

Adolescent Catechesis & Evangelization

Adolescent Catechesis and Evangelization is our Religious Education program for 9th – 12th Grade. Adolescents attend September - May most Wednesdays from 7—8:45 pm which includes Wednesday Mass. **Ministry Opportunities:** Catechists and Aides. **Contact:** Chazz Sheffield

Sacramental Preparation

Infant Baptism— If you are expecting or if you have recently had a baby, congratulations! We celebrate baptisms here at St. Edith Stein on the last Sunday of every month for babies and children under seven years old. Both parents and godparents need to attend **preparation classes** prior to the baptism. To sign up for these classes, or if you have questions about the requirements for godparents, please contact Mayra May. Also, keep in mind that you will need to bring your child's original birth certificate to the office for us to view and copy and to receive your child's baptism certificate.



Ministry Opportunities: Team members serve as presenters and hospitality ministers at the preparation classes, for parents and Godparents, and at the Rite of Baptism. **Contact:** Mayra May

Baptism of Older Children and Youth

The Children's Catechumenate is our sacramental preparation program for unbaptized children and youth age seven and older. We meet weekly on Sunday mornings to study the scriptures and learn what it means to be a disciple of Christ. To register your child for this program, please contact the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization. **Contact:** Melissa Powell for ages 7 to 14 and Jenny McConnell for ages 15 to 18.

Confirmation—Juniors or seniors in high school seeking Confirmation need to enroll in the Confirmation preparation program. Students are required to be in our Adolescent Catechesis & Evangelization program during preparation. In addition to ACE classes, students fulfill many hours of church service. **Contact:** Chazz Sheffield.

Adult Catholics seeking Confirmation attend monthly classes of preparation. **Contact:** Jenny McConnell. **Ministry Opportunities:** Team Members are needed for both Adult and Youth Confirmation classes.



First Eucharist & First Penance

Children and youth who wish to prepare for First Eucharist and First Penance must be baptized Catholics who are at least seven years old. In addition to attending Mass each week, we ask that children and youth attend religious education classes (CCE or a Catholic school) for at least one year before they begin their preparation for the sacraments. To register your child for this program, please contact our Office of Catechesis & Evangelization. **Ministry Opportunities:** Team members are needed to serve as presenters at preparation classes and retreats for both parents and children. Hospitality help is also needed. **Contact:** Melissa Powell

Marriage Preparation

If you are seeking to be sacramentally married, please call the parish office at least nine months in advance of a desired wedding date. We offer Unitas, Convalidation, Sponsor Couples and Engaged Encounter. Our Coordinator of Marriage Preparation will assist you and arrange an appointment to help you plan the type of sacramental preparation needed. **Contact:** Mary Phillips. **Ministry Opportunities:** Presenters, Mentor Couples, Hospitality Ministers, and Prayer Couples for our UNITAS marriage preparation team. **NOTE:** Anyone who has been married and divorced cannot re-marry without first acquiring an annulment.

Becoming Catholic

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



is a faith formation journey for adults and children of catechetical age seeking baptism, those baptized in another Christian faith tradition who may be interested in joining the Catholic Church, or for Catholics who were baptized, but have not celebrated all of their sacraments.

Ministry Opportunities: Team members work with the Office of Catechesis & Evangelization staff to plan sessions for adults and children, facilitate teaching sessions and provide hospitality. Individual and family sponsors serve as companions to those participating in the RCIA journey. **Contact:** Jenny McConnell

Children's Ministry

Melissa Powell is our Director of Children's Catechesis & Evangelization. Email her at melissa@stedithstein.org or you can call her at the Parish Office at 281.492.7500.

Children's Church

Children's Church is now being held in the Nursery. Please contact Diane Flynn if you are interested in this important ministry and starting it back up.

Sessions are held for children ages 3 to 5 during most Sunday morning Masses. This program is designed to help our young children learn how to participate more fully in our celebration of the Eucharist.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is open to all children who are ages Kindergarten through 5th grade. It is offered during most Sunday mornings; children are gathered during the Mass before the readings and they are led to Carmel Hall. There they hear the scriptures and talk about them on their level with adult catechists. The children return to Mass to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist. **Ministry Opportunities:** Adult and youth catechists are needed to lead interactive reflections of the Sunday readings at the 9 & 11 am Masses.

Nursery

Nursery care is available during 9 & 11 am Masses on Sunday mornings for babies and toddlers up to three years old. The nursery is also open during Catechesis & Evangelization classes and most other Catechesis & Evangelization programs. A donation of \$3 is appreciated but not required for one child and \$5 for two or more children. **Ministry Opportunities:** We are always looking for loving caregivers to work in the nursery.

Vacation Bible School



A week, usually in July, is set aside for St. Edith Stein to host VBS for children in our area. It is a fun filled week of Bible stories, crafts, games and much more, designed for children 4 years old through those entering 6th grade in the fall.

Ministry Opportunities: Many adult and teenage leaders are needed each summer to plan and implement VBS.

Adolescent Ministry

Chazz Sheffield is our Director of Adolescent Catechesis & Evangelization. Email him at: chazz@stedithstein.org or you can call him at the Parish Office at 281.492.7500.

Junior High Youth Nights

Monday nights from 6:30 - 8:00 pm you will find our Junior High kids meeting in the Youth Room for spiritual encouragement, fun and fellowship. Grades: 6th through 8th.

Ministry Opportunities: Adults are needed to chaperone gatherings. Juniors and seniors in high school can apply to be in the "Core" leadership group that helps plan and guide our Junior High Youth Night.

Senior High Youth Nights

Tuesday nights from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, high school students gather for spiritual growth, fellowship and fun in the Youth Room. Grades: 9th through 12th. **Ministry Opportunities:** Adults and Senior High students are needed to help plan and lead activities for this group.

The CORE: Youth Leadership

This team of adults, juniors and seniors in High School, work to plan, organize, lead, and promote the Junior High Youth Nights. This group meets in the youth room on Mondays from 6:30-8:00 pm. **Ministry Opportunities:** Juniors and Seniors in High School as well as Adult Ministers are needed.



The Team—Is a group of dynamic adults who meet regularly to discuss, and pray for, the needs of our youth here at St. Edith Stein. This group works to plan, coordinate, lead and promote Senior High Youth Ministry programs and activities. This group meets in the Youth Room on Tuesdays for planning meetings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Ministry Opportunities: Adult ministers needed.



Quinceaneras

St. Edith Stein offers group celebrations in the form of a Mass twice a year: one in the Fall and one in the Spring. The Quinceanera is held on a Saturday at 11 am. The candidate and her parents will need to attend an initial interview with the Preparation Team and are asked to sign a contract agreeing to participate fully in the preparation process. There are 3 two-hour sessions on Sunday afternoons, as well as a Thursday rehearsal. The parents and candidate must register at least ten months before the Celebration. **Ministry Opportunities:**

Team members are needed to plan, teach and host sessions.

Adult Ministry

ACTS



ACTS is an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service, inspired by the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2, Verses 42-47. An ACTS Retreat is a three day weekend presented at a retreat house by members of our own St. Edith Stein community. The weekend focuses on the attainment of a new or deeper relationship with our Lord and challenges each person to share their joy through fellowship and increased involvement in our parish family. **Ministry Opportunities:** Once you've attended an ACTS weekend, there are many ways to get involved in this ministry. **Contact:** Clark McMurtry or Diana Arnold, Parishioners.

Bible Study

Bible study classes are usually held Tuesday mornings. The start dates for bible studies are announced in the bulletin. **Ministry Opportunities:** We are always looking for trained leaders. **Contact:** Jenny McConnell



Divine Mercy Prayer Group

All are invited to learn more about Divine Mercy. Meets most Mondays at 7 pm in the CFC. **Contact:** Kathy Wahnoutka, Parishioner.

Marian Servants Community

The Marian Servants of the Incarnate Wisdom is a community apostolate open to both lay and religious who desire to follow a Rule of Life which is Marian, charismatic and loyal to the Magisterium of the church. Members seek to grow in the virtues of holiness, obedience and service and to serve the local church by offering spiritual direction, healing prayer and retreat ministry to both youth and adults.

Contact: Charlotte Sacco, Parishioner. Visit www.marianservantshouston.org.

Men's & Women's Retreat

Men in the parish are invited to attend an annual silent retreat in the spring at Holy Name Retreat Center. Women in the parish are invited each spring to a silent retreat at the Cenacle Retreat House.

Contacts: Michael Gorman, Parishioner; Penny Whited, Parishioner.

Natural Family Planning

NFP courses are regularly offered at St. Edith Stein. For more information, please call the parish office at 281.492.7500.

Fertility Appreciation: Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System

A natural means to take care of women's gynecological and reproductive health. For more information, visit HoustonFamilyFertility.com.

Liturgical Ministries

Interested in serving in Liturgical Ministries? E-mail Deacon Larry Biediger at larry@stedithstein.org or call the parish office at 281.492.7500.



Altar Server

Altar Servers assist clergy in giving honor to God in various liturgies of the Church.

Ministry Opportunities: The ministry is open to adults, youth and children who have received their 1st communion. Families are encouraged to serve together. Training is required and offered twice a year. Training dates will be posted periodically in the bulletin and on the parish website.

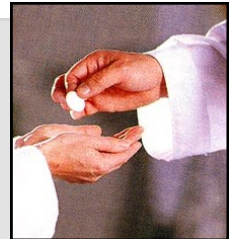
Art & Environment, Altar Care & Altar Linens

These ministers work behind the scenes to offer their special gift of art in flower arranging, sewing, painting and preparing our altar in order to enhance our worship experience by creating a seasonal environment for Eucharist. **Ministry Opportunities:** Volunteers are always welcome. Call the parish office.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers help distribute the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ to the faithful who are gathered at Mass, other liturgical celebrations, and to the homebound. Ministers must be registered parishioners who are fully initiated (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), at least 18 years old, and if married, must have been married in the Church.

Ministry Opportunities: Training is necessary and it is offered twice a year. Keep an eye on the bulletin and the website for upcoming training dates.



Reader (Lector)

Readers proclaim the Word of God at weekday and weekend Eucharist. Some readers share their love of the Word at weddings, funerals, and other special parish events. **Ministry Opportunities:** Training is necessary and it is offered twice a year. Keep an eye on the bulletin and website for upcoming training dates.

Sacristan

Sacristans work behind the scenes setting out all of the vessels and books necessary for our celebrations of the Mass. Some Sacristans choose to assist at weddings, funerals and other special parish prayer events.

Ministry Opportunities: Special training is required.

Usher

Ushers serve as greeters, offering a warm welcome to those coming to our liturgy. They help efficiently fill the pews in an orderly fashion, take up the collection baskets, choose families to bring the Offertory Gifts to the altar as well as other behind the scenes duties. **Ministry Opportunities:** Training is necessary and offered twice a year. Keep an eye on the bulletin and check the website for upcoming trainings.

Choir

Choir members, musicians and cantors express their faith through the gift of voice and music. St. Edith Stein has *Sunday Morning Choirs* that sing at the 6 pm Saturday Mass and the 9 & 11 a.m. Sunday Masses. The *Youth Choir* consists of those in 7th through 12th grades which sing at the Sunday 6pm Mass.

Ministry Opportunities: All are welcome to join the choir. The ability to read music is most helpful and attendance at weekly rehearsals is required. **Contact:** Sunday Morning Choirs, Emily Gorman, Email: megorman@sbcglobal.net. Youth Choir, Kerianne Wright. Call the parish office.

Pastoral Care Ministries

Deacon Leonard Broussard is the staff liaison for all Pastoral Care Ministries. Email him at: lb@stedithstein.org or you can call him at the parish office at 281.492.7500.

Bereavement Support Group

This monthly support group extends comfort to those who have lost loved ones through death. In addition to meetings, monthly letters and telephone calls, resource materials are offered to those who are grieving. All are welcome.

Breadbasket

Parishioners serve on an “as-needed” basis to provide meals to the home of individuals or families needing temporary help due to illness, death or hospitalization in the family. Breadbasket also provides refreshments for funeral gatherings.

Ministry Opportunities: If you would like to offer your gift of cooking for this ministry, please provide your email and we will put you on the list immediately.



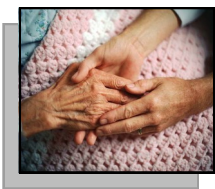
Correctional Ministry

Volunteers offer spiritual support to inmates in the County Jails, the Federal Detention Center and the Texas Prisons within the boundaries of the Archdiocese. **Ministry Opportunities:** We are in need of new ministers. Special training is required.

Homebound Ministry

We strive to offer much needed contact between the community and persons not able to leave their homes. Weekly visits consist of bringing communion and giving support through the gift of time and self. Our sick receive spiritual strength and connection to the community through these visitations. **Ministry Opportunity:** Those wishing to serve need to be trained as Eucharistic Ministers and have their own transportation for visits.

Nursing Home Visits



This ministry endeavors to keep the elderly and infirm part of the faith community by gathering the residents and sharing in communion, prayer and fellowship. We visit Oakmont Nursing Home and Solera Care & Rehabilitation Centers of Katy. **Ministry Opportunities:** If you are interested in this ministry, we would love to talk with you about joining our team of volunteers.

Prayer Ministry

The Intercessory Prayer Team is a group of dedicated volunteers, who spend time each day in prayer for the special intentions of those in need. Requests are received either by phone or notes that are placed in the prayer box in the narthex of the church. Prayers are handled with sincerity and confidentiality. **Ministry Opportunities:** If you have a love for prayer and if you are looking for a ministry that can be done from home, this would be a wonderful ministry for you.

Transportation Assistance

This ministry provides rides to and from a doctor's visit, grocery store, and church to those in need.

Ministry Opportunities: We will put your name on a list as a driver, if you are able to help.

Katy Christian Ministries

Food Drive

Each third weekend of the month, we collect canned goods, necessities and cash donations to give to KCM's Food Pantry, who in turn services our neighbors in Katy. Look for the collection cart outside of the church on the third weekend of each month.



Red Apple School Supply Drive

Each summer our parishioners help buy school supplies for less fortunate children in our area. In 2011 the Katy Community helped provide over 700 children with new school supplies on the first day of school. This year we believe the number will be much higher as the need is increasing daily at KCM. Watch the bulletin and listen to announcements for our next drive.



Santa Sleigh Toy Drive

St. Edith Stein adopts dozens of families in need during Christmas time, buying presents and providing gift cards for the children. **Ministry Opportunities:** These programs are organized by KCM and are widely publicized after Mass.

Pregnancy Help Center

Baby Bottle Collection

Each Mother's Day weekend, empty baby bottles are handed out to parishioners in hopes that they will be returned full of coins on Father's Day weekend. Pregnancy Help Center uses the donations to care for the emotional, physical and spiritual needs of women experiencing a crisis pregnancy or recovering from an abortion.



Layette Weekend

Each January parishioners generously donate baby items: cribs, car seats, diapers, clothes and more to help PHC stock their baby shop. **Ministry Opportunities:** These programs are organized by PHC and are widely publicized after Mass, in the bulletins and on the website.

Community Life & Organizations

Lisa Norwood is the staff liaison for Community Life & Organizations. Email her at: lisa@stedithstein.org or call the parish office at 281.492.7500.

A Mother's Calling



The goal of AMC is to raise children with faith, morals, ethics, and a strong foundation of Catholic Values, through the ministry of motherhood, exploration of scripture, strengthening our family's faith and support of the extended family of St. Edith Stein. The group has weekly morning meetings and play groups, Mother's Night Out, and family events. **Ministry Opportunities:** This group meets on most Wednesday mornings except for the summer months. Childcare is available and all moms are welcome! Check the bulletin and website for upcoming dates.

African Community

St. Edith Stein African Community meets the first Sunday of each month from 12:30 to 2:00 pm in the Christian Formation Center. They gather to promote community life and active participation in church events, and edify one another. **Ministry Opportunities:** All are welcome! **Contact:** Henry Onyekwere, Parishioner.

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, & American Heritage Girls

We have an active Boy Scouts group, Troop #1001 for boys ages 11 and older (Troop1001BSA@gmail.com). We also have American Heritage Girls (JVCarrejo@yahoo.com) & Girl Scouts (Angela Uriarte @ 909-838-6522) that regularly meet at our parish. **Ministry Opportunities:** If you are interested in any of these scouting programs, please contact Lisa Norwood or their leaders (see information above).



Knights of Columbus, Council #12955



Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life. Coordinating blood drives, brisket fundraisers, scholarship funds and monthly rosaries are just a few of the ways they make a difference in our church. **Ministry Opportunities:** The Knights work on multiple service projects throughout the year on behalf of the parish and the community. Men 18 years of age and older are encouraged to participate. **Contact:** Alex Garza, Parishioner.

K of C Squires

The **Columbian Squires**, the official youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, is a leadership development program for young Catholic men, 10-17 years old. There are over 25,000 Catholic young men in over 1,500 local units, called circles. The Squires is designed to develop young men as leaders who understand their Catholic religion, who have a strong commitment to the Church and who are ready, willing and capable of patterning their lives after the Youth Christ. **Contact:** Brian Powell, Parishioner.

Ladies Guild

Women of the parish come together as needed, for parish social and service events, while making life-long friends. **Ministry Opportunities:** Ladies Guild often helps with special receptions and events where hospitality is needed. All are welcome to join. **Contact:** Tonie Painter, Parishioner.

Military Care Ministry

St. Edith Stein has mailed hundreds of military care packages overseas to family members of parishioners who are serving in the U.S. Military in Iraq and Afghanistan. This ministry also hosts a reception in honor of Veteran's Day and other activities throughout the year. **Ministry Opportunities:** Help is always needed in donating, serving, collecting and mailing of packages. **Contact:** Angela Jones, Parishioner.

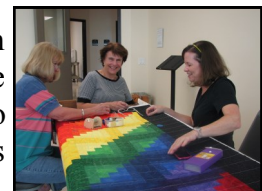
Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Prayer Group

The Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Prayer Group meets every first Saturday of the month at 4 pm. They gather to reflect on the mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary... *"to imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise"*.

Ministry Opportunities: All are welcome to attend. **Contact:** Gil Siason, Parishioner.

Saintly Stitchers Quilting Group

The Saintly Stitchers gather weekly to work on quilting projects. They design a quilt each year to be raffled off at a fundraising event. The group also hosts craft fairs throughout the year and donate handmade items to other ministries. **Ministry Opportunities:** All who have a love for sewing are welcome to attend weekly meetings on Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Contact:** Sylvia Darcy, Parishioner.



Seniors Group: O.W.L.S.



Older, Wiser, Livelier, Seniors is made up of men and women 50 years or older from all different cultural backgrounds: Polish, Hispanic Nigerian, Vietnamese, Filipino, and others. OWLS meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month at noon in Carmel Hall for fun, fellowship, crafts, games and speakers. They also sponsor our First Friday Breakfast after First Friday Mass. **Ministry Opportunities:** Seniors interested in joining together for fellowship, please join us. **Contact:** Linda Carroll, Parishioner.

Sister to Sister

All women of our parish are invited to attend and bring a friend and learn more about Sister to Sister. Each month will be dedicated to a different theme. May 2015 will be dedicated to the Devotion to the Blessed Mother. **Ministry Opportunities:** Please contact Penny Whited or Connie Longworth, Parishioners.



Spanish Prayer Group

The Spanish Prayer Group meets once a week to share in faith, fellowship and music.

Ministry Opportunities: All are welcome to attend the gatherings that are currently held on most Monday evenings from 7 to 9 pm in room 201. **Contact:** Jaime Martinez, Parishioner.

Special Events & Receptions

Hospitality is often needed for special events, sacramental receptions, and small dinners. **Ministry Opportunities:** Put your name on our list and we will call you as these events arise. **Contact:** Lisa Norwood.

Sunday Morning Coffee & Donuts

Coffee and donuts is the gift of hospitality that we offer each Sunday morning after the 9 & 11 am Masses. It is a favorite among many and its purpose is to share community after we've shared Eucharist. **Ministry Opportunities:** There is some behind the scenes work that goes into this ministry. You need the commitment of coming early to Mass to prepare the coffee and lemonade, and stay after Mass to help clean up. Families are encouraged to serve together in this ministry. **Contact:** Paul DeForke, Parishioner.



Administration & Fundraising

Founder's Day Festival



Our first Founder's Day Festival was in October of 2011. Our 2011 & 2012 Festivals were a big success! Our 2013 Festival will be on Saturday, October 5th. The Festival has something fun for the entire family: games, food, live music, bingo, raffle items, and so much more. **Ministry Opportunities:** Ticket sales, booth operators, food sales, bingo workers, bakers, and many more volunteers, work together to put on the Festival. Underwriting, cash and item donations are needed as well.

Contact: Kristie & George Dewey, Parishioners through the parish office or

Janet Fite, Administrator.

Parish Gala

Many fundraising activities take place throughout the year at SES. One event is our annual Spring Gala, which includes dinner, dancing, live auction and casino games. **Ministry Opportunities:** We are always in need volunteers to help plan, coordinate, set up and clean up at this event. **Contact:** Lisa Norwood, Community Life if you are interested.

Office Help

Office volunteers are called on an “as needed” basis to help fold and mail the parish newsletter or complete special projects. **Contact:** Mayra May

General Maintenance

Often we need advice or help from parishioners who work in the fields of carpentry, electric, landscape, plumbing and other fields. These individuals or companies are used as a resource and we keep lists for future projects. **Volunteer Opportunities:** If you can offer your business advice or pro bono services to the parish, please let us know. **Contact:** Fernando Garcia

Parish Councils

Faith Formation Board

The purpose of a Formation Board of Catechesis & Evangelization is to assist the pastor, as the parish leader, in identifying and articulating the educational, formational and spiritual needs and aspirations of the Christian community. The Formation Board for Catechesis and Evangelization meets monthly except during the months of July & December. Members are nominated by the staff to serve on the board for three years.

Contact: Jenny McConnell

Finance Council

The duties of the council include assisting the pastor in preparing the annual budget and the annual report of income and expenditures, reviewing parish income and expense reports, and making recommendations for increasing revenue to meet parish and diocesan goals; also they present the parish with an annual report. Members are appointed by the pastor and the council meets once per month. **Contact:** Janet Fite

Pastoral Council

The Second Vatican Council recognized that the laity, because of its wisdom and particular competence, not only has the right but the responsibility to actively share the mission of the Church. The council’s role is to provide consultation to the pastor, to be visibly involved in the community, as well as to promote active communication between clergy, staff and laity. Members are chosen through a discernment process and serve renewable terms. **Contact:** Fr. Ryszard Kulma

Stewardship Council

The goal of the council is to foster the spirit of stewardship in the parish life of St. Edith Stein. Stewardship is living the truth that all we are and all we have – is given to us from our loving God. Christian Stewards are disciples of Jesus who choose to gratefully serve, by sharing the time, talent and treasure God has provided. Council members host events each year to encourage parishioners to embrace stewardship as our way of life. Members are selected through discernment or invitation. Members may serve renewable terms. The meetings each month are open to the parish. **Contact:** Bill & Donna Handlin, Parishioners

ST. EDITH STEIN CATHOLIC CHURCH REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

FAMILY LAST NAME ONLY: _____

ADDRESS: _____ Apt. #: _____

CITY: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____ SUBDIVISION: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ Unlisted: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Email Address: 1. _____ 2. _____

Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced ☐ Other _____

Place of Marriage: ☐ Catholic Church ☐ Other Denomination ☐ Civil Marriage ☐ Other _____

ADULTS LIVING IN THE HOUSEHOLD

Please list all of the adults living at this address. Attach a separate page for any additional members.

| First Name (last name if different) | Grade | Sex | Religion | Handicap | Birth Date | Languages | Occupation | Work or Cell Phone | Sacraments needed |
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CHILDREN, YOUTH OR YOUNG ADULTS LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD

| First Name (last name if different) | Grade | Sex | Religion | Handicap | Birth Date | Languages | Occupation | Work or Cell Phone | Sacraments needed |
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Ministry Opportunities

God has gifted each of us with time and talents to share with others (Corinthians 12:4-7). When you choose to offer yourself in service to our parish community, you share the love of Jesus in a personal way. Prayerfully review the many ministry opportunities provided. Please consider and select how you can serve others and in doing so, serve Christ. (Matthew 24:31-40)

Please contact the representative in your area of interest on the prior pages or call the parish office for assistance.

Children's Catechesis & Evangelization

1. Aide to Catechist*
Catechist for:
2. Children—PK—5*
3. Junior High Catechist*
4. CCE Hospitality*

Young Children's Ministry

5. Children's Liturgy of the Word*
6. Nursery* (18 or older)
7. Vacation Bible School*

Adolescent Catechesis & Evangelization

8. Senior High Catechist*
9. Quinceañera Catechist*
10. Jr. High Youth Group*
11. Sr. High Youth Group*
12. Jr. & Sr. in High School Youth Leader (Core)*
13. Sr. High Youth Leader (Youth Lead)*
14. Adult High School Leader (Team)*

Adult Ministry

15. ACTS Retreat
16. Bible Study
17. Men's Retreat
18. Natural Family Planning
19. Women's Retreat

General Maintenance

20. Carpentry/Electrical/Plumbing

21. Other Trades

Rite of Christian Initiation

22. Adult RCIA Sponsor
23. Children's Catechist*
24. Family/Child Sponsor*
25. RCIA Hospitality*
26. RCIA Team*

Sacramental Preparation

- Catechist or Team

- Member:

27. Adult Sacraments*
28. Confirmation*
29. First Eucharist/First Penance*

30. Infant Baptism*

31. Marriage

Councils

32. Faith Formation Board
33. Pastoral Council
34. Stewardship Council

Liturgy

35. Acolyte*
36. Altar Care
37. Altar Linens
38. Altar Server (over 18*)
39. Art & Environment*
40. Sunday Morning Choir*
41. Eucharistic Adoration
42. Eucharistic Minister*
43. Lector/Reader*
44. Sacristan*
45. Usher*
46. Wedding Coordinator*
47. Youth Choir* (7th—12th grade)

Church Groups

48. A Mother's Calling*
49. African Prayer Group
50. American Heritage Girls*
51. Boy Scouts*
52. Divine Mercy Prayer Group
53. Knights of Columbus*
54. K of C Squires*
55. Ladies Guild*
56. Marian Servants
57. Our Lady of Most Holy Rosary Prayer Group
58. O.W.L.S. Seniors Group
59. Spanish Prayer Group
60. Sister to Sister

Pastoral Care

60. Bereavement Support
61. Breadbasket
62. Correctional Ministry
63. Homebound Eucharistic Minister
64. Hospital Ministry
65. Monthly Food Drive
66. Nursing Home
67. Prayer Ministry
68. Pregnancy Help Center
69. Red Apple/Santa Sleigh
70. Transportation

Community Life

71. Girl Scouts*
72. Military Care Ministry
73. Special Events/Receptions*
74. Quilters/Saintly Stitchers
75. Sunday Coffee & Donuts*

Administration

76. Annual Festival*
77. Audio/Video
78. Fundraising Events*
79. Newsletter
80. Parish In-Office Help
81. Gala

- The Catholic Community of St. Edith Stein employs staff, responds with new programs and new staff due to growth issues, offers ministries and services, shares a covenant partnership with Katy Christian Ministries, and maintains and cares for property and facilities.
- The Catholic Community of St. Edith Stein worships, shares faith and enjoys fellowship in two beautiful buildings financed with a long term loan. Debt service is a way of life and an integral part of total stewardship (2 Corinthians 9:6-11). All families and households of St. Edith Stein Catholic Church are called to share in the financial sacrifices necessary for sustaining current parish life and planning for future growth.

| Weekly | | |
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| Gross Annual Household Income | Weekly 5% Offering | Weekly 10% Offering |
| \$30,000 | \$29.00 | \$58.00 |
| \$60,000 | \$58.00 | \$115.00 |
| \$100,000 | \$96.00 | \$192.00 |
| \$150,000 | \$144.00 | \$288.00 |

| Monthly | | |
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| Gross Annual Household Income | Monthly 5% Offering | Monthly 10% Offering |
| \$30,000 | \$125.00 | \$250.00 |
| \$60,000 | \$250.00 | \$500.00 |
| \$100,000 | \$415.00 | \$830.00 |
| \$150,000 | \$625.00 | \$1,250.00 |

Our Stewardship of Finances

As faithful members of St. Edith Stein Catholic Church, our family/household has agreed to make a Financial Stewardship offering of

_____ each _____ (week) or _____ (monthly) for the year of 20____.

Name _____ Date _____
Please note it may take from six to eight weeks to receive donation envelopes.



Do you want to contribute on a weekly basis, but forget your check book? Are you out of town a lot? Have you prayerfully considered your stewardship obligation and want a method to help you to give of your "first fruits?" Have you disciplined the family budget, but have nothing left over to give? Do you need an automatic way to donate? It's time to sign up!

AUTHORIZATION FOR RECURRING BILLING

Name on Account: _____ Envelope # _____

Home Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Amount \$ _____ Starting Date: _____

Frequency (circle)

*Every Sunday *1st of month *15th of month *Other: _____

OPTION 1: RECURRING BANK DEBIT (ACH)

Depository Bank Name: _____

Routing # (9 digits): _____ Checking Acct. #: _____

_____ I hereby authorize St. Edith Stein to initiate a debit to my checking account.
(Initial)

OPTION 2: RECURRING CREDIT CARD BILLING

Credit Card (circle): *Visa *Master Card *American Express *Discover

Account # _____ Expiration Date: _____

_____ I hereby authorize St. Edith Stein to initiate a charge to my charge card.
(Initial)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This debit/charge to my account, may only post on or after the STARTING DATE listed above. I may only revoke this transaction by contracting St. Edith Stein directly at 3311 N. Fry Rd., Katy, TX 77449, 281-492-7500, or jf@stedithstein.org. Please mail in this form or hand it in to the Parish Office for privacy purposes..



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30 AM

Wednesday: 7:00 PM

First Friday of the Month Mass: 8:30 AM

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, & 6:00 PM

Adoration:

Tuesdays: 9:15 AM - 10:00 PM

Anointing of the Sick:

Second Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 PM Mass

Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS



**Monday-Thursday:
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Friday:
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF

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