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**Virtue of August-Diligence**

Be not of those who think perfection consists in undertaking many things, but of those who place it in doing well what little they do, for it is much better to do little and do it well, than to undertake much and do it ill. Yes, little and good, this is the best. Therefore, if we wish to advance, or when we wish to give some special honor to Our Lord, we have to redouble not our exercises, but the perfection with which we perform them.----St. Francis de Sales



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**HELP**  
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Mon.-Thurs. 9:30-2:30  
Special walk-in hours for free pregnancy test and limited ultrasound Wed. & Thurs. 2:00-5:00pm or by appointment.

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Let us Pray with our Mother Mary for our Priests and our Church

Pray for our priests.

The Paper Gator is located in the front church parking lot. All proceeds go to support the Preschool. Thank you for your support.

**St. Edward Knights of Columbus**

Council #14404  
Greg Zuver, Grand Knight  
Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month.

**VIKING** chiropractic

**Chad Hickey DC**  
7857 Velte Road Lake Odessa, MI 48849  
P 616-3 74-7880 [www.vikingchiropractic.com](http://www.vikingchiropractic.com)  
Office Hours:  
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. 8:00A-12:00P  
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Pray for the Unborn

*Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church*

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 2, 2020**

531 Jordan Lake St.  
Lake Odessa, MI 48849

Pastor: Father Tom Brown  
[frtombrown@ssppatholic.com](mailto:frtombrown@ssppatholic.com)

Associate Pastor:

Father Oscar Londoño, mxy

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Tues., Wed. & Thurs.:

10:00 AM- Noon 01:00 PM – 3:30PM

Preschool: Fredia Prysock 616.374.7253 x 206

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday Vigil: **6:00 PM**

Sunday **9:45 AM**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Thursday 6:30PM-7:30PM and  
by appointment

**Weekday Masses:**

**Mon., thru Fri. 9:00AM**

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Carol Fust [prayertree2@gmail.com](mailto:prayertree2@gmail.com)

**Pastoral Council:** Diane Haskin, George Thelen, Mark Denda, Dee Manshum, Bob Rasche, Janice Fyan

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

We, St. Edward's parish, joyfully experience life in Christ through the celebration of the sacraments and dedicate ourselves to faith formation. Our parish is devoted to inspiring youth to become active followers of Christ. We live to promote love within the church and community according to the Gospel.



**2 SUNDAY: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Is 55:1-3 Ps 145:8-9, 15-18 Rom 8:35, 37-39 Mt 14:13-21

**3 MONDAY: Weekday**

Jer 28:1-17 Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102 Mt 24:22-36

**4 TUESDAY: St John Vianney, Priest**

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Ps 102:16-23, 29 Mt 14:22-36

**5 WEDNESDAY: Weekday; The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major**

Jer 31:1-7 (Ps) Jer 31:10-12b, 13 Mt 15:21-28

**6 THURSDAY: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9

**7 FRIDAY: Weekday; St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St Cajetan, Priest**

Na 2:1, 3:1-3, 6-7 (Ps) Dt 32:35c-36b, 39abcd, 41 Mt 16:24-28

**8 SATURDAY: St. Dominic, Priest**

Hb 1:12—2:4 Ps 9:8-13 Mt 17:14-20

**9 SUNDAY: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

1Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Ps 85:9-14 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-23

A few days ago, we had the gospel reading from Matthew where Jesus gave us three parables. We have continued to hear about these throughout the week. Clearly it must be important for us to consider. Jesus says, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." As we think of this, I suspect most of us see ourselves as the merchant. We are working on obtaining the price of our admission into heaven. The pearl is the price for our admission. If we love Jesus and keep his commands, we get in. If we don't then instead of entrance we get sent to hell. We get this from the story our Lord told of the sheep and the goats. Also, we get it from the third story where Jesus says, "Again the Kingdom of Heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full, they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus, it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Much like the sheep and the goats, in this story we want to be the righteous that are "put into buckets" and not the wicked that are "thrown into the fiery furnace." True, but is there not more there? In "Why God Loves Us...No Matter What" Fr. Ken Sedlak sees the story differently. God, not us, is the merchant, the central character in the story. This also means we are the pearl! Can we be the pearl? A valuable pearl that God sells all that He has to obtain it? The answer of course is YES. Jesus is the price paid by God. "For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." We know from the writer John that God is love. It is foundational to who He is. "In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us...We love God because He first loved us." God's nature is to give and withhold nothing. It is by his love that we exist. We learned as children that love is conditional. God is love but we limit his love by what we say and do. God rewards and punishes us to secure our obedience. Its roots are very strong in the Scriptures. However, there is also the parallel Bible image that focused on God's constant love for us. God is to reality what fire is to flame, or the ocean to a drop of water, or a singer to a song. God is both the vastness of the universe and the intimacy of our person. God can't be limited and neither can his nature. God is unconditional and unmediated love. God loves us into existence unconditionally. God knows us for who we are because God chose to create us. God knows you for who you are and is choosing to love you into existence right now at this very moment. Even when we die, God's love goes on. We will go on living. Either with God or without him, we will live. The choice is ours. Live with him in heaven.

May God bless you,

Fr. Tom

**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS**

**Sunday, August 2: 9:45 AM MASS**

Parish Family

**Lector:** A. Nagi

**Monday, August 3: 9:00AM MASS**

+Maurice Armstrong

**Tuesday, August 4: 9:00AM MASS**

+Christine Wilson by Katie Possehn

**Wednesday, August 5: 9:00AM MASS**

Parish Family

**Thursday, August 6: 9:00 AM MASS**

Parish Family

**Friday, August 7: 9:00 AM MASS**

+Harriet Haskin by Daughters of Mary

**Saturday, August 8: 6:00 PM Vigil MASS**

+Agnes Slowinski by Yvonne McCaul

**Lector:** K. Sipperly

**Sunday, August 9: 9:45 AM MASS**

+Ralph and Ladee Zukowski & Carmon Hoffman

**Lector:** J. Black



*"The celebration of the Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the Cross."*

~St. Thomas Aquinas

To schedule a Mass intention, call or visit the parish office.

Father Tom will continue to live stream **Sunday Mass**. Join Father Tom and others of the parish as we gather together in our homes for the Holy Mass on the Saint Edward Lake Odessa facebook page.

**YOU ARE INVITED—An Outside Gathering!**

Deacon Noah Thelen will be greeting parishioners

Sunday, August 2, 2020

11:00 AM outside the Family Center  
(Church Parking Lot)



*"May the angels welcome you into paradise.  
May the martyrs greet you on your way.  
May you see the face of the Lord this day."*

Please pray for the soul of Steven Collins, son in law of Pat & Margaret Maurer, Eldon Jackson, brother of Claudia Baker and brother in law of Pat & Margaret Maurer, and Robert Durkee, brother of Carolyn Mayhew, who passed from death to life this past week.

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace."*

*"The soul is called to raise itself to God by the elevator of love and not climb the rough stairway of fear."*

St. Therese of the Little Flower



UPDATE FOR JULY 22 – EXTENSION THROUGH SEPT. 7 OF THE DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

Bishop Walkowiak announces the extension of the dispensation for all Catholics within the territory of the Diocese of Grand Rapids from their obligation of attending Sunday Mass through Sept. 7 (Labor Day). The dispensation is granted broadly to ensure that anyone who needs to stay home to protect the common good can do so confidently, in good conscience. But those who are truly able to attend Mass should remember that we are transformed by being joined to Christ in the Eucharist. Only a weighty reason should keep us from being sanctified through participation in and our reception of Christ's body and blood.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The apostles were just being practical when they asked Jesus to "dismiss the crowds to go buy food." Jesus knew there is always enough when we place our trust in the Father, even with just 5 loaves and fishes. Trust is the bridge to miracles.

PLEASE PRAY for Celia Gomez, Randy Armstrong, Marge Benson, & Tom Beaune.



**So Faith May Flourish - Catholic Services Appeal**

CSA It would be appreciated if you could turn in your CSA pledge card this weekend. If you have already done so, thank you! Our participation in the CSA as individuals and as a parish enables us to unite with all Catholics in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Through the blessings we've received, together we are able to fund important work that benefits our parish and diocesan programs that supports individuals, families, and communities throughout our 11 counties. Every gift, regardless of the amount, is important in this effort.

Our CSA effort is not complete until we have a pledge card from every household. If you did not bring your pledge card this week, please complete and return it next week in the collection basket. Your timely response will help us avoid unnecessary mailing costs and hours of volunteer time. If you cannot participate financially, please offer a prayer for the success of CSA and complete and return your card indicating your intention.

**RCIA - An Invitation to Come and See!**

RCIA is much more than a program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. RCIA is an opportunity for those who have not been baptized those who have been baptized, but have little affiliation with, and/or training in the Catholic religion those who want to learn and ask questions about the Catholic faith. Call the Parish Office for more information. (616-374-7253)

**OUR PARISH OFFERING – July 25/26, 2020**

Adults	\$	2100.00
Loose:	\$	160.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2260.00</b>
Budgeted Weekly	\$	3600.00
<b>Overage</b>	\$ (	1340.00)

**July 1, 2020 – July 26, 2020 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections**

Year-to-Date	\$12237.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$14400.00
<b>Overage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>( \$2163.00)</b>

Please note that "Our Parish offering" reflects the income from Sunday and Holy day offertory **only**.

Your weekly offering envelopes can be dropped off at the office (or placed in the locked black mail box beside the office door) or sent through the mail to:

St. Edward Church  
531 Jordan Lake St.  
Lake Odessa, Mi

**Grief Support Group** will meet the first Thursday of the month at 12:45 in the Family Center. Next meeting will be on August 6. If you would like more information call Marsha @269-367-4403.

**PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS**

Gracious God,

You Sent Jesus to proclaim salvation to the world. Make us mindful of those who have not heard the Gospel and bless the efforts of all missionaries. May more of our sons and daughters seek and follow your call to discipleship. Amen.

David Sacha  
**Mundelein Seminary**  
**1000 E. Maple Ave.**  
**Mundelein, IL 60060**



**St. Edward's Preschool**

**Open Enrollment for 2020-21**

Our preschool is now enrolling students in our 3 and 4 year old programs for the 2020-21 school years. Our preschool curriculum focuses in all areas for development: social/emotional, physical, cognitive and language. Our preschool gives children plenty of hands-on opportunities to explore their world while in a Christian environment. Class size is small, which provides your children a better chance to develop socially as well as academically. If you would like more information or an enrollment application, please contact us at 616-374-7253.

**ONLINE BIBLE STUDY WITH MUNDELEIN SEMINARY**

In these chaotic times, join Mundelein Seminary rector Father John Kartje for a four-week online Bible study on the topic of "Living on the Edge of Chaos: Biblical Lessons for Finding Hope in the Face of Fear. The self-led study will offer biblical examples of how times of chaos can lead us to a peaceful new reality shaped by the Kingdom of God. Father Kartje will also lead a live Q&A for study participants on August 8. Visit [www.usml.edu/chaos](http://www.usml.edu/chaos) to register and receive more information.