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Pray for  
the Unborn

## Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

JANUARY 24, 2021

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### OFFICE HOURS:

Thurs.: 10:00 AM- 3:30 PM

### MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM

Sunday 9:45 AM

Weekday Masses:

Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri.

9:00AM

Thurs. 12:10PM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday 6:30PM-7:30PM

and by appointment

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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.

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.

Mark 1:15



### SACRED SCRIPTURE

24 SUNDAY: THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-9 1Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

25 MONDAY: THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, APOSTLE

Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18

26 TUESDAY: Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10 Mk 3:31-35

27 WEDNESDAY: Weekday; St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Heb 10:11-18 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 4:1-20

28 THURSDAY: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Heb 10:19-25 Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6 Mk 4:21-25

29 FRIDAY: Weekday

Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40 Mk 4:26-34

30 SATURDAY: Weekday; BVM on Saturday

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Mk 4:35-41

31 SUNDAY: THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 1Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

Hardening of the Heart

As a Catholic and Christian leader on the border, I am often called to be a doctor of the soul. Standing here at the US-Mexico border, how do we begin to diagnose the soul of our country?

A government and society which view fleeing children and families as threats; a government which treats children in US custody worse than animals; a government and society who turn their backs on pregnant mothers, babies, and families and make them wait in Ciudad Juarez without a thought to the crushing consequences on this challenged city . . . This government and this society are not well. We suffer from a life-threatening case of hardening of the heart.

In a day when we prefer to think that prejudice and intolerance are problems of the past, we have found a new acceptable group to treat as less than human, to look down upon and to fear. And should they speak another language or be brown or black . . . well, it is that much easier to stigmatize them. Why can't we put ourselves in their shoes? Because we have decided they are not our neighbors, we have decided that they are aliens and illegals. We think these parents simply have no right to save their children from violence or malnutrition. They have no right to a job or to support their families. They have no right to reunite with family.

For this heart-sick government and society, these people should have stayed home, given into hopelessness and watched helplessly as their children suffer. Would we rather they die on the banks of the Rio Grande than trouble us with their presence?

But we have not suffered the mistreatment meted out to them by those who represent our country. We haven't really felt their hunger and cold. And it is not our children who will be denied food, water, and tenderness tonight.

We Americans need our hearts checked. Our hearts have grown too cold and too hard and that bodes ill for the health of our nation.

In the America of today, is there no more Golden Rule? Have we forgotten the lessons of Scripture? Have we forgotten the commandment to love? Have we forgotten God? But here on the border, God knocks. In the struggle for hope and freedom and family, he knocks. In our neighbors here today, he knocks. He knocks. He knocks. He knocks.

**Bishop Mark Seitz**  
The Most Reverend Mark J. Seitz, DD, is bishop of El Paso, Texas.

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

**Sunday, January 24: 9:45 AM MASS**

+Lucas Holtforth by Grief Group

**Monday, January 25: 9:00AM MASS**

Parish Family

**Tuesday, January 26: 9:00AM MASS**

Parish Family

**Wednesday, January 27: 9:00AM MASS**

+Sara Korcal by Uncle Rog and Aunt Dee

**Thursday, January 28: 12:10PM MASS**

Thanksgiving for Dave Burke's Recovery by Larry and Anne Adams

**Friday, January 29: 9:00 AM MASS**

+Lucas Holtforth by Roger and Dee Manshum

**Saturday, January 30: 6:00 PM VIGIL MASS**

For a Blessed New Year for People of the Parish by Celia Gomez and Family

**Lector:** K. Sipperly

**Sunday, January 31: 9:45 AM MASS**

+Lucas Holtforth by Marsha Stadel

**Lector:** A. Adams

The Sunday Mass is posted on the Saint Edward Facebook page.

**Bishop Walkowiak is extending the dispensation for all Catholics within the territory of the Diocese of Grand Rapids from their obligation of attending Sunday Mass through Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17.**

**Grief Support Group is cancelled** for February. If you would like information call Marsha @269-367-4403.

**SOUP'S ON FOR ALL**

Jan. 25-29, 2021 Tickets: \$50, available at [soupsonforall.org](http://soupsonforall.org)  
Soup's still on for all! Due to COVID-19, Soup's On will not be a live event, but tickets still include a variety of delicious soups, breads and desserts as well as a beautiful hand-painted bowl! Each ticket will include: 3 gourmet soups made by the God's Kitchen chefs, Panera artisan bread, delicious dessert, and a free soup punch card to 12 different local restaurants.  
An online silent auction will also be introduced to raise funds for God's Kitchen and our neighbors in need of extra support at [bit.ly/soupsonauction](http://bit.ly/soupsonauction). For more information, contact Karol Maurer at [kmaurer@ccwestmi.org](mailto:kmaurer@ccwestmi.org) or 616.356.6207.

**Invitation to Prayer and Reparation Supporting the March for Life**

On **Friday, Jan. 29**, the national March for Life will take place in Washington, D.C. Many are unable to attend this year due to restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. To participate locally, there will be a time of prayer from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the **Cathedral of Saint Andrew** beginning with **Mass at 12:05 p.m.** celebrated by Bishop Walkowiak. Following Mass, there will be silent adoration and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, closing with Benediction at 3 p.m. Please join us in prayer at the cathedral or on your own.

PLEASE PRAY for Randy Armstrong, Marge Benson, & George Heinze.



*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 Jack Adams, father of Larry Adams, who passed from death to life this past week.

*"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, may he rest in peace."*

The Diocese of Grand Rapids' Office of Communications relays the following statement from Bishop David J. Walkowiak marking the celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day in the United States on Monday:

The anger and violence that is rippling across our country is a direct result of a lack of justice, love and peace. Sadly, once again and far too often, racism: institutional racism, cultural racism, personal racism is why this deficiency exists. Following a year where we have become more aware of the mark racism has left on our society, we reflect on the legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who encouraged Americans to stand up for equality, justice, and peace – the message of the Gospel. He showed us that it is possible to fight for what we believe in, in a non-violent way.

Almost 60 years later, Dr. King's words still remind us of where we are as a country, "Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time (Yes) (Now) to make justice a reality for all of God's children. It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment." (Dr. King, I Have a Dream speech, Aug. 1963)

We are disciples of Christ. We are citizens of God's kingdom of justice, love and peace. Those are not mere words. We cannot remain silent and indifferent to injustice, hatred and violence directed at any member of our human family. Acts and attitudes of racism are sinful. They reveal a failure, a failure to acknowledge the value and dignity of the persons who are subjected to this evil; failure to see in each one of them the brother or sister that Christ calls us to love.

Let us use this day to pray for a genuine conversion of heart, to complete an act of kindness for a stranger, or to say an extra prayer for peace in our world as we commemorate the life of Dr. King.

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*"Know that the greatest service that man can offer to God is to help convert souls."  
~St. Rose of Lima*

**OUR PARISH OFFERING – Jan 16/17, 2021**

Adults	\$	2275.00
Loose:	\$	30.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2305.00</b>
Budgeted Weekly	\$	3600.00
<b>Overage</b>	<b>\$ (</b>	<b>1295.00)</b>

**July 1, 2020 – Jan 17, 2021 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections**

Year-to-Date	\$88751.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$103800.00
<b>Overage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>( \$ 15049.00)</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 48849

**2021 Offertory Envelopes** are in the mailboxes in located in the vestibule of the church. The new year also begins with new envelope numbers!

Thank you for your continued support of the church.



**Knights of Columbus LUCKY 300 Winners for the week of 1-17-2021**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$175 Jim Decker**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$50 Shelly Reiser**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$25 Becky Haskin**

The Knights of Columbus are having another can drive to benefit those in need in our community. If you have cans or bottles at home and would like to drop them off, we will be taking them through January. Thank you for your support.

**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.

**Andre Klaes**  
**St. John Vianney**  
**2115 Summit Ave.**  
**St. Paul Mn 55105**



Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, Thursday, Jan. 21 – Friday, Jan. 29.

Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)!

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar  
It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus. It was the end of "Zebedee and Sons Fishing, Inc." Our children were never ours. They are only on loan to us. We raise them to let them go.