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**Virtue of the Month: Perfection**

We must begin with a strong and constant resolution to give ourselves wholly to God, professing to Him, in a tender, loving manner, from the bottom of our hearts, that we intend to be His without any reserve, and then we must often go back and renew this same resolution.---  
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Let us Pray  
with our  
Mother Mary  
for our Priests  
and our Church



When you know how much  
GOD IS IN LOVE WITH YOU  
then you can only live your life radiating that love.  
-ST. THOMAS OF AQUINAS-



**St. Edward  
Knights of  
Columbus**

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



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Pray for  
the Unborn

*Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church*

**JANUARY 10, 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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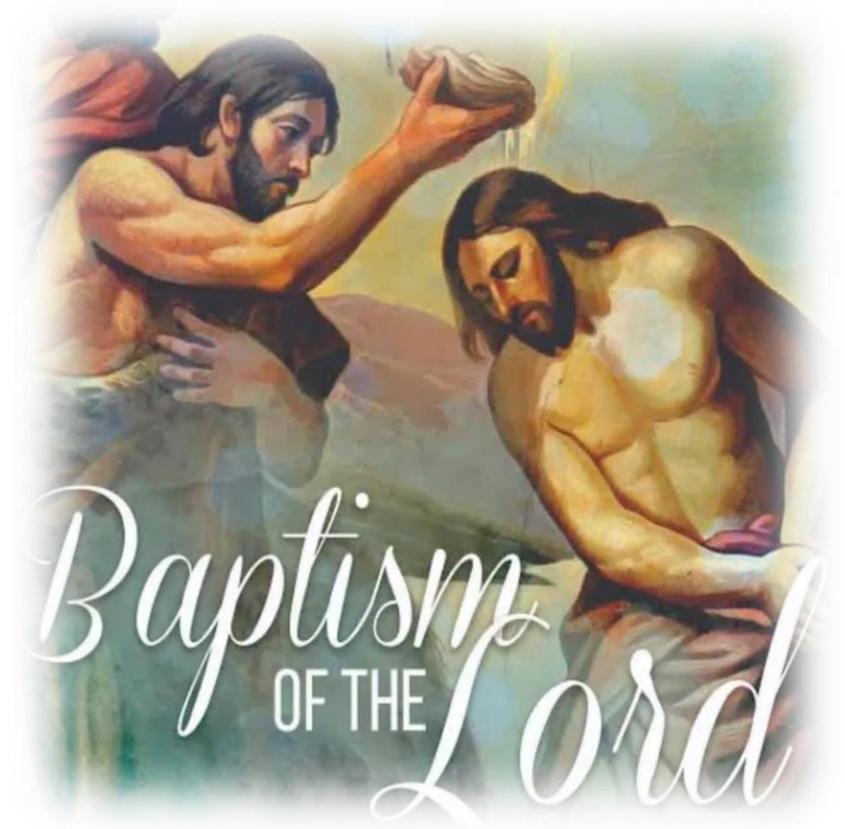
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

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.



*SACRED SCRIPTURE*

**10 SUNDAY: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Mk 1:7-11

**11 MONDAY: Weekday**

Heb 1:1-6 Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9 Mk 1:14-20

**12 TUESDAY: Weekday**

Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab, 5-9 Mk 1:21-28

**13 WEDNESDAY: Weekday; St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Mk 129-39

**14 THURSDAY: Weekday**

Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-7c, 8-11 Mk 1:40-45

**15 FRIDAY: Weekday**

Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8 Mk 2:1-12

**16 SATURDAY: Weekday; BVM on Saturday**

Heb 4:12-16 Psd 19:8-10, 15 Mk 2:13-17

**17 SUNDAY: THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

1Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2,4,7-10 1Cor 6:13c-15as, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42

We have been celebrating Christmas. Today is the end of the Christmas season but still we will continue to celebrate it, in one way or another throughout the year. This is the time that proclaims God's great love for us. It is a love he demonstrates in so many different ways. We recognize it during this season when he came as a tiny child dependent on his mother for everything. As a little child he couldn't walk, talk or even roll over. His first words were baby talk. He wet his diapers. He spit out food. Fathers and mothers work hard to take care of their children. Mothers give of themselves to nurse their children. Mary did just that for her son, Jesus. Mary cared for and fed her little Son Jesus.

When Jesus grew up, he cared for us. He healed the sick. He fed the hungry. He even died for us. Still, He wanted more. He wanted to continue to nourish us, to continue to be with us. He came up with a way as loving and as intimate as for us as Mary had done for him. As he was facing his own death on the cross, Jesus found a way to free us and feed us at the same time.

He eagerly desired to eat this Passover with them. He did this by giving us His very flesh to feed us in the Eucharist. "He took the bread and said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'this is my Body, which will be given for you; do this in memory on Me.' And likewise, the cup after they had eaten, saying 'This cup is the new covenant in my Blood, which will be shed for you.'" This Passover was to be very different from all others. When the Jewish people celebrate the Passover, it is so much more than a past event. It is relived at the present time and thus they experience once again the Lord's saving power. So, it is with us and Jesus.

It was also his memorial. Do this in memory of me. He was about to accomplish his own death and resurrection which would bring about to those who believe in him a different kind of freedom. Their freedom from sin. Therefore, all his followers who celebrate this with him experience his saving power of freedom from sin.

This meal with him had to be accomplished by consuming it. We had to eat it. Just as the ancient Jews ate the Lamb, we have to eat the Eucharist, the Body of Christ. This is not just a symbol. Just as the Lamb was real with Moses in the days of Pharaoh and had to be consumed, so it was real for the Apostles with Jesus and had to be consumed. It continues to real with us.

Jesus said to those who denied it, "Amen, amen, I say to you: unless you eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood, you shall not have life in you."

God gave everything to feed us. Today's Communion antiphon reads: "Because of that great love of His with which God loves us, He sent His Son in the likeness of sinful flesh." What He desires in return from us is to eat and rejoice. Can you satisfy His desires? Eat His flesh and rejoice in your new life with Him forever.

God bless you!  
Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, January 10: 9:45 AM MASS

+Steven Finn

Monday, January 11: 9:00AM MASS

Living and Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family

Tuesday, January 12: 9:00AM MASS

Parish Family

Wednesday, January 13: 9:00AM MASS

Living and Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family

Thursday, January 14: 12:10PM MASS

Parish Family

Friday, January 15: 9:00 AM MASS

Parish Family

Saturday, January 16: 6:00 PM VIGIL MASS

Living and Deceased Members of the Tobin Family by Bob & Joan Neeley

**Lector:** G. Haskin

Sunday, January 17: 9:45 AM MASS

Drake and Misak Families by Pat Drake

**Lector:** K. Carnegie

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.**

Public Masses and the celebration of the sacraments will continue with the appropriate COVID-19 mitigation strategies in place. Those who are able to attend Mass should return, remembering that our physical presence at the Eucharistic table is irreplaceable. These mitigation strategies need to be followed to ensure public Masses remain available.

This dispensation is granted broadly to ensure that anyone who needs to stay home can do so in good conscience. If you are homebound, please contact your parish to inquire about the ability to have Communion brought to you.

Mass will continue to be televised at 10 a.m. Sunday on FOX 17 and livestreamed on the diocesan website (grdiocese.org) and Facebook page (Diocese of Grand Rapids). While this dispensation is in effect, all baptized Catholics are reminded of their obligation to keep the Lord's Day holy.



*"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 Lucas Holtforth, son of John and Melissa Holtforth, who passed from death to life this past week.

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

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



**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.

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



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

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

**Diocesan Mass Commemorating the Anniversary of Roe v Wade**

On **Friday, Jan. 22**, the nation will mark the 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, Roe v. Wade, legalizing abortion in the United States. The Diocese of Grand Rapids will observe a **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children** on Jan 22 to solemnly mark this anniversary. Bishop Walkowiak will celebrate Mass at **7 p.m. that evening**, which will be livestreamed from the **Cathedral of Saint Andrew** in observance of this anniversary. All are welcome to join us; however limited seating will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis in accordance with our diocesan COVID-19 guidelines. The livestream will be available on the diocesan website (GRDiocese.org) and Facebook page (Diocese of Grand Rapids). As Catholics, we are deeply committed and concerned about protecting human life from conception to natural death. Many prayer resources and ways you can participate can be found on the diocesan website: GRDiocese.org.

**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.

**OUR PARISH OFFERING – Jan 1-3, 2021**

Adults	\$	457.00
Loose:	\$	0.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>457.00</b>
Budgeted Weekly	\$	3600.00
<b>Overage</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>957.00</b>

**July 1, 2020 – Jan 3, 2021 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections**

Year-to-Date	\$79799.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$96600.00
<b>Overage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>( \$ 16801.00)</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**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$175 Tom Reiser**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$50 Greg Haskin**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$25 Kaylah Fyan**

**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.

Nicholas Baker  
**St. John Vianney**  
**2115 Summit Ave.**  
**St. Paul Mn 55105**



A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus was publicly **AFFIRMED** by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors, we can overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed **AFFIRMATION** and so do our children.

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), issued the following statement in response to the violence in the United States Capitol: "I join people of good will in condemning the violence today at the United States Capitol. This is not who we are as Americans. I am praying for members of Congress and Capitol staff and for the police and all those working to restore order and public safety. "The peaceful transition of power is one of the hallmarks of this great nation. In this troubling moment, we must recommit ourselves to the values and principles of our democracy and come together as one nation under God. I entrust all of us to the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. May she guide us in the ways of peace, and obtain for us wisdom and the grace of a true patriotism and love of country."