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**Virtue of the Month: Mortification**

It should be our principal business to conquer ourselves, and, from day to day, to go on increasing in strength and perfection. Above all, however, it is necessary for us to strive to conquer our little temptations, such as fits of anger, suspicions, jealousies, envy, deceitfulness, vanity, attachments, and evil thoughts. For in this way we shall acquire strength to subdue greater ones.----St. Francis de Sales

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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 CALCETTA-



**St. Edward  
Knights of  
Columbus**

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



**Chad Hickey DC**

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Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. 8:00A-12:00P  
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Pray for  
the Unborn

*Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church*

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 28, 2021  
Saint Edward Church  
531 Jordan Lake St. Lake  
Odessa, MI 48849  
Pastor: Father Tom Brown  
ftrmbrown@ssppcatholic.com  
Associate Pastor: Father Oscar  
Londoño, mxy  
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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

Connie Goble, Business Manager  
616-374-7253

Dan Shields, Bookkeeper  
DRE: Fredia

616-374-7253 ext 202

Hall Manager: Fredia

616-374-7253 ext 201

Prayer Chain: Gayle Peacock  
616-374-8274

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

**Financial Council:** Andrew Snider, Adam Fyan, Robin Michalski, Jerry Tomandl, Allen Hamp, Diane Updyke

**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.

“THIS IS MY BELOVED SON. LISTEN TO HIM.”



SACRED SCRIPTURE

**28 SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15-19  
Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

**1 MONDAY: Lenten Weekday**

Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9, 11-13 Lk 6:36-38

**2 TUESDAY: Lenten Weekday**

Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 Mt 23:1-12

**3 WEDNESDAY: Lenten Weekday; St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin**

Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 Mt 20:17-28

**4 THURSDAY: Lenten Weekday; St. Casimir**

Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31

**5 FRIDAY: Lenten Weekday**

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**6 SATURDAY: Lenten Weekday**

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**7 SUNDAY: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

In Genesis 3, we hear that “when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was the delight to the eyes and that the fruit was to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit and ate” (so did the man). If we look closely at this passage, we can see that three things tempted the woman to disobedience: the fruit was “good for food,” it was a “delight to the eyes,” and it was “to be desired to make one wise.” Those same temptations are later spelled out in 1John2:15-17, the scriptural passage where the Church finds the teaching on concupiscence:

Do not love the world or the things of the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life: pleasure, possessions, pride, food, alcohol, drugs, fornication, adultery, pornography, money, clothes, cars, jewelry, gadgets, fame, applause, ignorance, our way, our will, our anger and the thirst for revenge---those are the temptations that pull us away from God. There is no pursuing them both. In the end, you either love God or you love the world, seeing it, not heaven, as your true home. Recognizing that as the choice before us---between loving God or loving the world---should change the way we think of sin. It should help us to grasp that sin is so much more than broken laws. It’s broken lives. It’s broken hearts. It’s broken homes. And it is all that because the laws of God are not arbitrarily imposed. God our Creator knows us better than we know ourselves. And God as our Father loves us better than we love ourselves. He only legislates what he knows will perfect us and fulfill us. His laws are for our good, not his. That is to say, when we sin, we don’t really break his laws. We break ourselves against his laws.

We all understand how God’s laws work in the physical world. We know that if Congress got together tomorrow and unanimously passed a law repealing gravity, then jumped off a roof, our fine legislators would not fly. They would not break the law of gravity. Rather the law of gravity would break their bones. Well, just as the laws of God are firmly fixed in the physical world, they are firmly fixed in the spiritual world. Moral laws are no more subject to negotiation than physical laws. When we lie, steal, commit adultery or fornicate, we don’t only disobey our Father. We disobey our Father by doing the very things he told us would hurt us. The negative things that follow aren’t how God punishes us. They are us experiencing the consequences of our failure to trust God. They are us experiencing what happens when we choose not to do what is good for us.

Matthew’s Gospel brings home that choice. Jesus goes out into the wilderness and fasts for 40 days. He faces the same three temptations we face---the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. The devil urges him to turn stones into bread (the lust of the flesh), to prove his divinity by throwing himself down for the angels to catch (the pride of life), and the kingdoms of the world (the lust of the eyes). But Jesus didn’t succumb to those temptations. He passed the test that Adam failed. This failure of Satan points out sin in our lives. It is more than distrusting God who call us to more than Eden. It is the refusal of sonship. It is the refusal of that for which we were made---a life and a love so much greater than this world. It is a refusal of life and love forever in heaven with God.

Scott Hahn, Evangelizing Catholics

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

**Sunday, February 28:**

**9:45 AM MASS** +Michael Cole by Larry & Anne Adams

**1:30 PM MASS** Parish Family

**Monday, March 1:**

**9:00AM MASS** +Marge Benson

**6:00PM MASS** Jennifer Menefee

**Tuesday, March 2: 9:00AM MASS**

Parish Family

**Wednesday, March 3: 10:00 AM MASS**

Living and Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family

**Thursday, March 4: 12:10PM MASS**

+Marge Benson by George & Carole Heinze

**Friday, March 5: 9:00 AM MASS**

+Lucas Holtforth by Marty & Gayle Kretovic

**Saturday, March 6: 6:00 PM VIGIL MASS**

+Richard King by Grief Group **Lector:** G. Haskin

**Sunday, March 7: 9:45 AM MASS**

Parish Family **Lector:** A. Adams

**1:30 PM MASS**

Parish Family **Lector: Volunteer**

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

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**LENTEN SCHEDULE**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**6:00 PM Fridays of Lent**

**Leader March 5: D. Manshum**

**Mondays** will celebrate a Mass at 9:00AM & 6:00PM

**Confessions** will be on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30PM

PLEASE PRAY for Randy Armstrong, Jennifer Menefee & George Heinze.



**LENTEN FASTING REGULATIONS**

† FASTING is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by everyone 18 years of age and older, who has not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals enough to maintain strength may be taken, according to each one’s needs. But together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but consuming liquids, including milk and juice, is allowed.

† ABSTINENCE is observed on Ash Wednesday and ALL Fridays of Lent by everyone 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when one’s health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to health or other serious reasons, other suitable forms of self-denial are encouraged. The point of fasting and abstinence is to remind us of our radical need for God's support as we undergo conversion in his love.



**Faith Formation News:**

Faith Formation will resume-in person on **Sunday, February 28 11:00AM to 12:30PM**

We are all looking forward to a time to gather and share the Catholic faith with the children and youth of the parish. Masks are required. Please call Fredia if you have any questions ( 374-7253).

**Mark Your Calendars! Thursday, March 18**

As we begin the season of Lent, the Diocese of Grand Rapids will once again offer a special opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

**“The Light is ON for You: An Evening of Penance”**

5 - 8 p.m. in almost every parish of the diocese  
Visit [GRdiocese.org/penance](http://GRdiocese.org/penance) for details

Grief Support Group **will meet on March 4th** (the first Thursday) at 12:45 in the family center library." If you would like information call Marsha @269-367-4403.

**Are you discerning the priesthood?**

‘Exploring the Priesthood’ is a discernment opportunity sponsored by the diocesan Office of Priestly Vocations. Time for prayer and reflection will be held monthly for young men (ages 16 – 35) to discern God’s will for their lives.

This year’s discernment opportunities will be offered on the following Sundays at noon: March 21, April 18, and May 16. If you are interested in joining these events, please email Pattie Reynolds in the Office of Priestly Vocations at [preynolds@grdiocese.org](mailto:preynolds@grdiocese.org).

**2021 Celebrating a Special Day in March**

- 3/2 Lyle Sandbrook Jr.
- 3/4 Judy Rodriguez, Mark Barbour
- 3/8 Steve Goble, Rachel Haskin
- 3/9 Hannah Fyan, Norbert Michalski, Lynne McClure
- 3/11 Michael Haskin, Ruby King
- 3/14 Dick Peacock
- 3/17 Kathleen Hengesbach, James Maurer
- 3/27 Jodey Lafler, Garrett Zuver, Grace Clark
- 3/28 Aiden Nurenberg, Ben Halanski

**Happy Anniversary**

- Jacob & Heather Matthews, 17 years on 3/08
- John and Melissa Holtforth, 27 years on 3/19
- William & Kaylah Fyan, 11 years on 3/28
- Tom and Kathy Carnegie, 48 years on 3/31

*If you find that the information is incorrect or missing, kindly call the office and let us know so we can update our files. Thank you.*

**Deacon Noah Thelen** will be ordained a priest this coming June. SS. Peter & Paul and St Edward parishioners will be joining efforts to purchase a red vestment for Fr. Noah. The vestment will be made by Luzar Vestments in England and will cost around \$900. If you would like to contribute, please send your donation to the parish office by Friday, March 12. Checks should be made payable to SS. Peter & Paul, with "Noah's vestment" on the memo line.

**OUR PARISH OFFERING – Feb 20/21, 2021**

Adults	\$	3840.00
Loose:	\$	23.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3863.00</b>
Budgeted Weekly	\$	3600.00
<b>Overage</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>263.00</b>

**July 1, 2020 – Feb 21, 2021 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections**

Year-to-Date	\$103925.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$121800.00
<b>Overage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>( \$ 17875.00)</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

Thank you for your continued support of the church.



Knights of Columbus LUCKY 300 Winners for the week of 2-21-2021

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$175 Martha Yoder
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$50 Tim Rodriguez
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$25 Ashton King

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.

Maxim Farrell  
St. John Vianney  
2115 Summit Ave.  
St. Paul Mn 55105



**A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar**

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were “afraid.” In families we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.

**Finding healing after abortion**

The next Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat for healing after abortion will be held virtually on the weekend of March 12-14. The retreats are designed to help you with forgiveness, allow you to experience the mercy of God, and grieve the loss of your unborn child or children. Retreats are open to women, men and couples. For more information or to register contact Maggie Walsh at (616) 340-1824 or [mwalsh@ccwestmi.org](mailto:mwalsh@ccwestmi.org). All inquiries are confidential. Financial aid is available.