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Virtue of the Month: Meekness

MEEKNESS: Power under control. A strong but gentle, reverent, and humble. spirit of selfless devotion to God and submission to His purposes. The opposite of pride. Meekness does not refer to weakness or passivity but to controlled power, expressed by faith, obedience and a whole-hearted surrender to the Holy Spirit.

(616) 459-9139 • www.HelpPregnancy.org



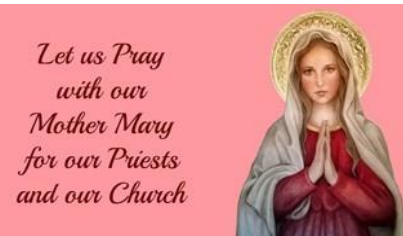
705 Bridge St. N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
info@helppregnancy.org
Mon.-Thurs. 9:30-2:30

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



Koops Funeral Chapel

Ken Tidd
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St. Edward Knights of Columbus

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



Chad Hickey DC

7857 Velte Road Lake Odessa, Mi 48849
P 616-3 74-7880 www.vikingchiropractic.com

Office Hours:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. 8:00A-12:00P

Mon., Tues., & Thurs., 3:00P-8:00P Closed: Wed. & Sun.



Pray for the Unborn

Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9, 2021

Saint Edward Church
531 Jordan Lake St.
Lake Odessa, MI 48849

Pastor: Father Tom Brown
frtombrown@ssppcatholic.com

Associate Pastor: Father Oscar Londoño, mxy
Website:

www.stedwardslakeodessa.org

Office: 616.374.7253

Fax: 616.374.1559

stedwards@wowway.biz

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon., Wed., Fri. 8AM-2PM

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

Closed on Tuesdays

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil 6:00PM

Sunday 9:45 AM & 1:30PM

Weekday Masses:

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

9:00AM

Thurs. 12:10PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday 6:30PM-7:30PM

Connie Goble, Business Manager
616-374-7253

Dan Shields, Bookkeeper

DRE: Fredia Prysock
616-374-7253 ext. 202

Hall Manager: Fredia Prysock
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.



SACRED SCRIPTURE

9 SUNDAY: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98:1-4 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

10 MONDAY: Saint Damien de Veaster, Priest

Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Jn 15:26—16:4a

11 TUESDAY: Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:15-11

12 WEDNESDAY: Saints Nereus and Achelleus, Martyrs

Acts 17:15, 22--18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 Jn 16:12-15

13 THURSDAY: Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 16:16-20

14 FRIDAY: SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17

15 SATURDAY: Easter Weekday; Saint Isidore

Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 Jn 16:23b-28

16 SUNDAY: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mk 16:15-20

The very day that Jesus first rose from death, he appeared to his apostles, telling them, "Peace be with you." They rejoice but he says to them again, "Peace be with you." Twice he says it. Jesus desires them not to be afraid. St. Paul writes, "I appeal to you by the mercy of God..." in his letter to the Romans. He writes this speaking of God who desires us to love him rather than to fear him. He is our Lord, yes, but more than that he desires us to see him as our Father. Love him as our loving Father. This he desires and asks us in his great mercy so that he can avoid having to punish us in his severity for we have all sinned. Every one of us.

Listen to our Lord's appeal. He became a man, a human being just like us. In him, he wants us to see our own body, our heart, our bones, our blood. We may very well fear what is divine but let us love what is human. We may seek to run away from him as the Lord, but why not run to him as our Father? Perhaps we are filled with shame for having a share in causing his passion on the cross. Do not be afraid. The cross inflicts a mortal injury not on Jesus but on death. The nails no longer pain him. Jesus appeared to the apostles with his wounds but with no pain. The nails no longer hurt him but only deepen his love for us. Jesus cried out not because of the wounds, but that through them he could draw us into his heart. His body was stretched out on the cross as a symbol not of how much he suffered but of his all-embracing love. He counts it not a loss to shed his blood. It is the price he paid for our ransom. Come, then, return to God and learn to know him as your Father. Know that he repays good for evil, that he gives love for injury and boundless charity for piercing wounds. This is God, our loving Father!

St. Paul says, "I appeal to you by the mercy of God to present your bodies as a living sacrifice." This sacrifice follows the pattern of Christ's sacrifice by which he gave his body as a living sacrifice for the life of the world. He really made his body a living sacrifice because though slain, he continues to live. In such a victim death receives its ransom, but the victim remains alive. Death itself receives the punishment. This is why death for the martyrs is actually a birth. Their end is a new beginning. Their execution is the door to life. Those who were thought to have been erased for the earth shine brilliantly in heaven.

"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but you have prepared a body for me," Isaiah says. Each of us is called to be both a sacrifice to God and to be his priest. Do not forfeit what divine authority gives to you. Put on the garment of holiness and gird yourself with the belt of chastity. Let Christ be your helmet and let the cross on your body be your protection. Take up the sword of the Holy Spirit. Let your heart be an altar. Then with full confidence in God present your body as a sacrifice. For God desires not death but faith. He thirsts not for blood but for self-surrender. God is pleased not by slaughter but by the offering of your free will.

He is pleased by your offering of Jesus Christ. "Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world." He is pleased by your offering. He is pleased as you run to him as a loving Father. As a Father who offers and gives to you eternal life with him.

God bless you!

Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, May 9: 9:45 AM MASS

All Mothers Living and Deceased

1:30 PM MASS

Bob Stadel by Marsha Stadel

Monday, May 10: 9:00AM MASS

Parish

Tuesday, May 11: 9:00AM MASS

Parish

Wednesday, May 12: 9:00AM MASS

Katie Possehn by Diane & Jerry Tomandl

Thursday, May 13: 12:10 PM MASS

Lisa Nelson by Diane & Jerry Tomandl

Friday May 14: 9:00AM MASS

Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family

Saturday, May 15: 6:00PM Vigil MASS

Parish

Lector: Rosann S.

Sunday, May 16: 9:45 AM MASS

+ Julie Maurer by Pat Maurer

Lector: Kathy C.

1:30 PM MASS

Parish

Lector: Mike S.

Enrollment is open for the 2021 Young Adult Leadership

Institute This five-month interactive formation experience is for young adults in their 20's and 30's who are looking for meaningful opportunities to live out their faith and values at work, with their family and friends, and in the world.

- Learn: Discover your own strengths and explore your relationship with God and essential role in the Church.
- Lead: Develop essential leadership skills that are necessary in our complex world.
- Leap: Guided by Catholic principles, discern where and how God is calling you to lead.

The Institute begins on May 25 and runs through August 28. For a detailed timeline and to get registered, visit <https://www.catholicinformationcenter.org/yali/> or call the Catholic Information Center at (616) 459-7267.

Any person with reasonable cause to suspect the sexual abuse of a minor by a member of the clergy, or by any person acting in the name of the Catholic Church, is urged to file a complaint with the Michigan Attorney General's Hotline at 844-324-3374.

If you are a survivor of sexual abuse, either as a child or an adult, by someone representing the Catholic Church, we urge you to come forward to seek help. A report can be made regardless of when the alleged abuse occurred. Every diocese has a victim assistance coordinator available to help survivors make a formal complaint and obtain support:

To contact the victim assistance coordinator for the Diocese of Grand Rapids:

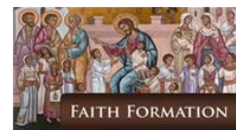
Call: 616-840-2079, email: vac@grdiocese.org

or write to: Diocese of Grand Rapids - Cathedral Square Center

Attn: Victim Assistance Coordinator

360 Division Ave. S.

Grand Rapids, MI 49503



Faith Formation

Sunday

11:00AM to 12:30PM

Faith Formation Sundays. We are all looking forward 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).

PLEASE PRAY for Randy Armstrong and

Lisa Nelson.

Cards and letters can be mailed to Lisa at
11148 Vermontville Hwy, Vermontville, Mi 49096



Grief Support Group **will meet on June 3** (the first Thursday) at 12:45 in the family center library. If you would like information call Marsha @269-367-4403.

St. Edward's Preschool Open Enrollment for 2021-22

Our preschool is now enrolling students in our 3- and 4-year-old programs for the 2021-22 school year. We believe that this age is a very important time for learning. 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.

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

O loving and gracious God, Father of all, You bless Your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through Your providential care. Your Church is continually in need of young men and women to offer their lives in service of the Gospel as Priests, sisters, and brothers. Open the hearts of Your sons and daughters to listen to Your call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding to discern Your invitation to serve You and Your Church.

We ask this, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

Maxim Farrell

St. John Vianney

2115 Summit Ave.

St. Paul Mn 55105



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 opportunity will be offered Sunday at noon: May 16. If you are interested in joining these events, please email: [Pattie Reynolds](mailto:preynolds@grdiocese.org) in the Office of Priestly Vocations at preynolds@grdiocese.org.

May 13 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (1st Century).

This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and his triumphant entry into Heaven.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel challenges us to "love one another as I have loved you." Jesus is our model and he asks us to "lay down our life" (our time, attention, opinions and needs) for each other. This is the sacrament of the family, when God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another.

OUR PARISH OFFERING – May 1-2, 2021

Adults:	\$ 3,450.00
Loose:	\$ 80.00
Total receipts:	\$ 3,530.00
Budgeted Weekly:	\$ 3,600.00
Overage/Shortage:	\$ (70.00)

July 1, 2020 – May 2, 2021 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date	\$139,614.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$158,400.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	(\$ 18,786.00)

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.

Finance Meeting: The Finance Meeting for April has been rescheduled for May 10 at 6:30PM.



Our Catholic faith is a gift that unites our parish family with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Grand Rapids and in the universal Church. We all are pilgrims on a journey of faith, striving daily to

become disciples of Christ through our stewardship. When we give to the CSA, we are supporting individuals and families in our parishes, in our communities, and beyond.



The Knights of Columbus are continuing the can drive to benefit those in need in our community. If you have aluminum cans (returnable or non-returnable), returnable plastic or glass bottles, you can drop them off at

the trailer in the parking lot South of the Family Center. If the trailer isn't open, you can place them in one of the trash cans at the rear of the trailer. We are still collecting through May. Thank You for your support!

Help House Unaccompanied Children

Catholic Charities West Michigan, through a federal grant, will be serving unaccompanied children from Central America, in response to the crisis at the border. If you are interested in joining them in caring for these vulnerable children, for a short time, they will be holding virtual informational meetings on May 11 at 6 p.m. and May 18 at noon and 5:30 p.m. (Spanish). For more information, please email Alisa at aotto@ccwestmi.org.

Televised Sunday Mass:

Join us each week for the live broadcast of 10 a.m. Sunday Mass from the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. Begun more than 65 years ago, the broadcast of Mass is a ministry to those who are unable to attend weekly services in-person including those who are homebound, hospitalized or incarcerated. Watch on TV on FOX 17, or online at grdiocese.org or the diocesan Facebook page (Diocese of Grand Rapids). Questions about the broadcast may be directed to the diocesan Office of Communications by emailing alaumeyer@grdiocese.org or calling 616-551-5629.