

FAITH FORMATION TEAM NEEDS YOU!

Through our baptism, we are all called to ongoing lifelong Faith Formation. Our children's Faith Formation program can help you continue on this journey by your active participation in volunteering to be a Faith Formation leader. You will deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church, as well as deepen the faith and strengthen our parish children's relationship with Christ, as you lead them in the classroom. We are in need of 3 classroom team leaders for this Fall. Our Faith Formation program grows with your help; help from parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and other members of our parish family who take the time in and out of the classroom to teach, live, and talk about our Catholic faith. This is why we need you! Our Sunday Faith Formation Team's key role is to support parents as primary educators of our faith and to lead the classroom students to grow in their faith and their knowledge of our Catholic Church. You don't have to be a "teacher" to join our team, you need to be a faith filled Catholic leader... a disciple of God who is willing to share HIS words and stories with our parish children. If you would like to get involved and don't know where to start, just give me a call or shoot me an email. Please pray about this great opportunity and hopefully you will be called to join us on this Faith Formation journey which you were called to do at your baptism!

If you are interested in joining the St. Edward Faith Formation Team, please contact Fredia at 374-7253 x 208 or via email fredia@wowway.biz.

We are also starting Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word program back up this Fall. If you are able to help with this mission program on a Sunday during mass, please contact Fredia.



SAINT EDWARD PRESCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT

St. Edward's Preschool is now enrolling students in our 3 and 4-year-old programs for the 2021-22 school years.

We believe that this age is a very important time for learning. Our preschool curriculum focuses in all areas for development: social/emotional, physical, cognitive and language. It also focuses on different content areas: literacy, math, music and arts. We currently use Zoophonics and include ABC Music and Me. 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.

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Saint Edward Preschool

616-374-7253 ext.201

Saint Edward Family Center

741 Washington Blvd.
Lake Odessa, Mi 48849
Available for rent (max. 330 People)
For Information call 616-374-7253 or EMAIL fredia@wowway.biz

Virtue of the Month: Simplicity
“Our Lord needs from us neither
great deeds or profound thoughts.
Neither intelligence nor talents.
He Cherishes simplicity.
Saint Therese of Lisieux

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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

935 Fourth Avenue, Lake Odessa, MI 48849
616-374-8221

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

God loves each of us as if there
were only one of us.

Saint Augustine

PAPERGATOR

KEEPING THE EARTH GREEN

St. Edward
Knights of
Columbus

Council #14404
Joe Hickey, Grand Knight
Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday
of the Month.

Would you like to advertise your business?

Bulletin spaces are available.

Please contact the office for more information.

Pray for
the Unborn

Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 25, 2021
Saint Edward Church
531 Jordan Lake St.
Lake Odessa, MI 48849
Pastor: Father Tom Brown
ftombrown@ssppcatholic.com

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Father Oscar Londoño, mxy
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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8 AM-2 PM
Closed Tuesdays & Thursdays

MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday Vigil **6:00 PM**
Sunday **9:45 AM**
Weekday Masses:
Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri. **9:00 AM**
Thursday **12:10 PM**
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Thursday **6:30 PM-7:30 PM**
or by appointment

Katherine Martin, Secretary
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

25 SUNDAY: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Kgs 4:42-44 Ps 145:10-11, 15-18 Eph 4:1-6 Jn 6:1-15

26 MONDAY: Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-23 Mt 13:31-35

27 TUESDAY: Weekday
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-13 Mt 13:36-43

28 WEDNESDAY: Weekday
Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5-7, 9 Mt 13:44-46

29 THURSDAY: Saint Martha
Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11 Jn 11:19-27

30 FRIDAY: Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Ps 81:3-6, 10-11b Mt 13:54-58

31 SATURDAY: Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12

01 SUNDAY: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54 Eph 4:17, 20-24 Jn 6:24-35

The Eucharist

Bishop Barron writes, “For many Catholics today, the Eucharist is merely a symbol of Christ, and the Mass is merely a collectivity of like-minded individuals gathering to remember his life. But the truth of what is made present on the altar, and what the faithful dare to receive into their bodies and souls, is far more strange and beautiful.” Others have written similar words. So it continues to raise the question: How do we come to understand that what we really receive is the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, not a symbol? How do we come to understand that the bread has actually changed into the Body of Christ?

There are those who insist that the bread still exists, so it must be just a symbol. When I was in seminary, they were trying to explain the Eucharist. We were told to consider a table. It can be made of wood, metal, plastic, or some other material. It can be square, rectangular or round. It can have one leg in the center or three or four or even more legs. It can be unpainted or painted in any of a variety of colors. It can be low, medium, or tall in height. It can have a variety of drawers or no drawer at all. Still, in each and every case, we recognize it as a table. How? It is because the object has the property of “table-ness”. The size, shape and material of the table are called accidents. That is, they can change without affecting the table. It is the property of table-ness that allows us to recognize it.

So it is with the Eucharist. The bread and the wine are accidents. After the consecration, the accidents of bread and wine now have the property of the Body and Blood of Jesus. It will still taste like bread and wine, but it is not. It is the Eucharist.

When they first explained it this way, it made no sense to me. With time and prayer, it did. But, like so many of Jesus’ miracles, our explanations always fall short. They always will. It is a miracle because . . . well, because it is a miracle. It goes way beyond logic. I believe in Jesus’ miracle of the changing of the bread and wine into his Body and Blood because He said it. “Take and eat, this is My Body. Take and drink, this is My Blood.” It is true because Jesus said it.

Of course, for the Eucharist we need bread. We need wine. We need a validly ordained priest. We need the prayers of the Consecration. But what we need most of all is the promise of Jesus. “Take and eat...take and drink.” Jesus gave us *His Body* and *His Blood*.

It is the miracle of the Eucharist. And that is enough for me. It is that simple.

May God bless you!

Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, July 25: 9:45 AM MASS

Juergen Walliczek

Monday, July 26: 9:00 AM MASS

David & Judy Lake by George & Carole Heinze

Tuesday, July 27: 9:00 AM MASS

For the Church

Wednesday, July 28: 9:00 AM MASS

Parish

Thursday, July 29: 12:10 PM MASS

+ Jan McNamara by Grief Support Group

Friday, July 30: 9:00 AM MASS

For all unborn children

Saturday, July 31: 6:00 PM Vigil MASS

Parish

Lector: P. St. Amour

EOM: Dave B.

Sunday, August 1: 9:45 AM

For all Priest

Lector: A. Adams

EOM: L. Ferrier

August Birthdays

- 8/01 Alice Wernette
- 8/08 Gene Comero, Tera Brodbeck
- 8/09 Sophia Margraf, Heather Holland-Matthews
- 8/12 Brian Haskin, Abigail Nurenberg
- 8-13 Andy Berry
- 8/14 Tom Eckert
- 8/15 Rosalynn Jones
- 8/20 Mary Gillette
- 8/21 George Salas
- 8/25 Al Haskin
- 8/27 Claudia Barker
- 8/28 Emma Tidd
- 8/29 Joe Hickey, Kelsey Brown
- 8/30 Vince Wernette, Seth Spitzley

Happy Anniversary

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| John & Betty Mikols, | 56 yrs on 8/8 |
| Gerald & Jan Licari | 46 yrs on 8/9 |
| Jeffery & Deann Baillargeon , | 28 yrs on 8/10 |
| Greg and Carrie Haskin, | 11 yrs on 8/15 |
| Patrick & Robin Nurenberg, | 15 yrs on 8/20 |
| George & Nancy Johnston, | 55 yrs on 8/21 |
| Elizabeth & Todd Wieland, | 12 yrs on 8/22 |
| David & Kristine Galaviz, | 39 yrs on 8/22 |
| Bill & Claudia Barker, | 59 yrs on 8/25 |
| Dan & Wendy Shields, | 37 yrs on 8/27 |

(If any of the information is missing or incorrect, kindly call the office so we can update our files)

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 August 5** (the first Thursday) at **1 pm** in the family center library. If you would like information call Marsha @269-367-4403.

R It is with great pleasure that we announce the schedule for **C** RCIA! We hope to see those interested in learning about our **I** Catholic faith. We will meet on Wednesday nights starting **A** September 8. The entire schedule will be posted in the coming weeks. If you know someone who might “make a good Catholic”. Please call Anne Adams at 616-374-8340

St. Edward Family Center is in need of a Janitor.
Are you looking for a part time job that has some flexibility and a rewarding connection to our church? We are looking for someone who can perform cleaning duties such as cleaning floors, restrooms, hallways, kitchen, classrooms, etc. This would include emptying trash, sweeping and using a scrubber machine, cleaning surfaces in the gym, classrooms, bathrooms, and kitchen. You would be waxing floors, repairing and doing general maintenance throughout the building, and shoveling the entry ways. This position would include setting up and tear down for events in the gym. You must be 18 yrs. of age or older and willing to work 12-15 hrs. a week. We need someone to keep our building in clean and orderly condition. If you are interested, please contact Fredia or the Parish Office at 374-7253 for more information.

Parish Picnic will be returning this year. Mark September 12th on your Calendars. Start thinking about what dish you want to pass. Meat and place settings provided. More details to follow.

NFP Awareness Week July 25-31
In NFP education we find several misconceptions regarding the principles and practice of NFP that continue to exist. This NFP Awareness Week, take time to educate yourself on myth vs. reality! <https://grdiocese.org/celebrate-natural-family-planning-awareness-weekinjuly/>

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar
In today’s gospel Phillip worried about “enough food” for the crowd. What is ENOUGH? When does our ENOUGH deprive another family of their fair share? Jesus performed today’s miracle because one child was willing to share and risk living with less. Can your family live more simply so that other families can simple live?

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS
Almighty and everlasting God, you are the source of all life. We praise you for the beauty of creation and the gifts that surround us. During these summer days, bless us with an enduring sense of your presence and protecion. May more young people answer your call to oretrained and consecraeted life. Amen.

St. Joseph, pray for us.
Logan McGahan
St. John Vianney College Seminary
2115 Summit Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55105



OUR PARISH OFFERING – July 17/18, 2021

Adults	\$	2,522.00
Loose:	\$	287.00
Total receipts:	\$	2,809.00
Budgeted Weekly	\$	3,250.00
Overage/Shortage	\$	(441.00)

July 1, 2021 – July 18, 2021 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections


Year-to-Date	\$8,538.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$9,750.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	(\$1,212.00)

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.
Counters: August 1 Cindy Gillette & Bill Sutton

Finance:
The next Finance meeting is August 16 at 6:30 pm.
The Finance Council is looking for new members. We meet 3-4 times a year to review the financial status of out parish. If you are interested, please see Dan Shields or email the office.

 Next meeting August 10 at 7 pm.
Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month.

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.

 The Lansing Lugnuts will be having a Family Faith Night on September 17th. If you would be interested in go as a group and if we have 10 or more the tickets are \$11.00 person. Please call Katherine at 616-374-725 by August 13th.

Do you shop at Meijer, Walmart, Amazon, Sozo’s, or Marathon? Purchasing Scrip cards for these and MANY more merchants can help our school raise money. Simply purchase cards through the RaiseRight app, have the cards sent to your house (\$1.00 shipping fee) or to the Saints Peter & Paul school (free), and spend away! The school makes money, and you did very little work. There is a 15 cent fee for ordering through the app, or you can order through the school office for free at 616 527- 3561.