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*Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church*

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY

September 12, 2021  
 Saint Edward Church  
 531 Jordan Lake St.  
 Lake Odessa, MI 48849

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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

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**Pastoral Council:**

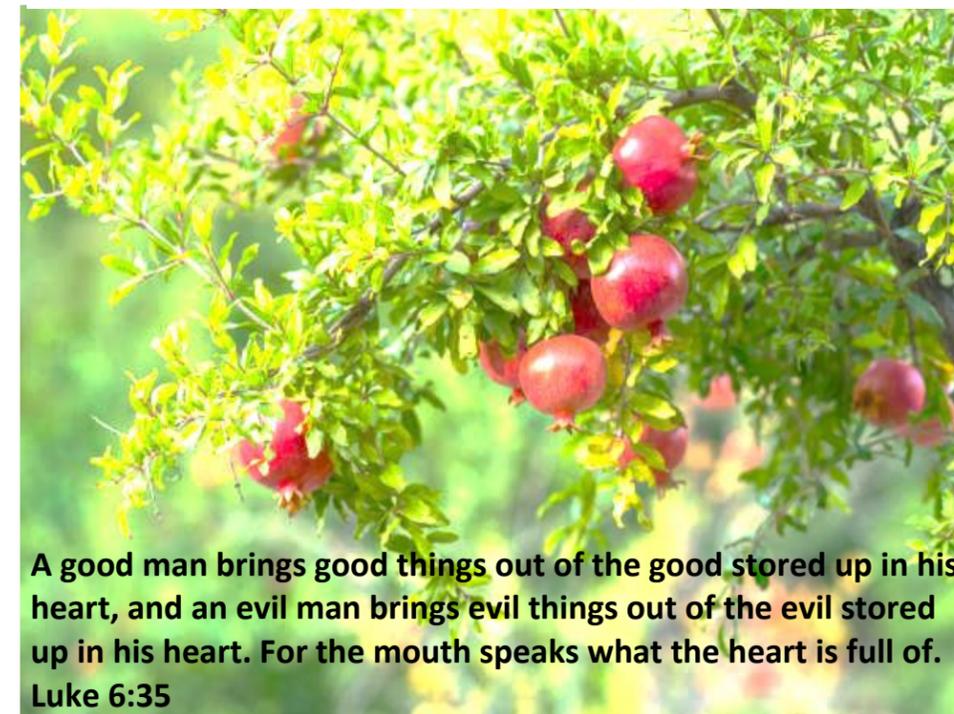
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

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.



**A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. Luke 6:35**

*SACRED SCRIPTURE*

**12 SUNDAY: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 Is 50:4c-9a Ps 116:1-6, 8-9 Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35

**13 MONDAY:** Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church  
 1Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7-9 Lk 7:1-10

**14 TUESDAY: THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
 Num 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

**15 WEDNESDAY:** Our Lady of Sorrows  
 1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-6 Jn 19:25-27

**16 THURSDAY:** Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs  
 1 Tm 4:12-16 Ps 111:7-10 Lk 7:36-50

**17 FRIDAY:** Weekday; Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church  
 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-10, 17-20 Lk 8:1-3

**18 SATURDAY:** Weekday  
 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 8:4-15

**19 SUNDAY: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 Wis 2:12, 17-20 Ps 54:3-4, 5-8 Jas 3:16-4:3 Mk 9:30-37



*First Annual Michigan Catholic Women's Conference*  
 Saturday, October 16, 2021  
 9:00 am until 5:00pm  
 Lansing Center  
 Lansing, Michigan

Virtue of the Month: **Prayer**

Souls that have no habit of prayer are like a lame and paralytic body, which, though it has hands and feet, cannot use them. Therefore, to abandon prayer seems to me the same thing as to lose the straight road; for as prayer is the gate through which all the graces of God come to us, when this is closed, I do not know how we can have any. ---St. Teresa

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 info@helppregnancy.org  
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Let us Pray with our Mother Mary for our Priests and our Church

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**St. Edward Knights of Columbus**

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

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Pray for the Unborn

**Mary's Birthday**

Today as I am writing this, it is September 8th, the feast day of the Birth of Mary, our Blessed Mother. While we don't know the exact date and we have no Biblical evidence, this date comes to us from the earliest Christian writers from the first century of the Church. Anna and Joachim had married but spent year after year without any children. After many years of no children, Anna was entering old age and she was mourning her lack of children. Likewise, her husband Joachim was camped out in the desert for 40 days crying out to God for the lack of children. But God heard them and sent an angel with good news that soon they would have a child. Their child, a girl was named Mary. Of Mary, St. Augustine writes, "She is the flower from the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley."

Mary's birthday is second to the birth of her Son, Jesus. Birthdays are always days of great rejoicing for family, friends and neighbors. Each birthday is a day of thanksgiving and hope for the future. This was true for Mary. It was true for Jesus. And it is true for us.

There is much for us to learn from the life of Mary. Her life was filled with great joy! Her child's first words. Her child's first steps. Learning and growing. It was also filled with great sorrow, leading up to the death and burial of her Son, Jesus. As we go through our time of sorrow in our Church today, some are surprised we are still Catholic. "How can you stay?" they wonder. But like Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life..." Jesus has given us his words. He has given us his Eucharist. He has given us a share in his eternal life.

Our scriptures and our creed tell us Jesus is both fully God and fully man. As God, Jesus would love Mary the same way he loves all of us. But as man, Jesus loved her as his mother. In the depth of that love, he shared her with us. He must have spoken with extreme difficulty, nailed to the cross and saying to Mary, "Here is your son" and then to John, "Here is your mother." He gave to John his mother to be his mother. It was spoken out of compassion for her and his love for both of them. It is also spoken to us. Here is your mother.

We have much to learn from Mary our Mother. Two phrases stand out. "Nothing is impossible for God." "May it be to me as you have said." These two statements show an important attitude, a posture of the heart towards God and His promises that we need to rediscover in our age of individual rights. It asks of us a willing acceptance of God's truth in our lives, no matter what the circumstances may be. But remember this: It was only after Mary's choice for God had been made that He began to reveal His full plan for her life. Every step of her life, Mary had to confront similar choices and say yes to God's plan. It requires the same for us. We need to search through those areas of our lives that have yet to reply yes to God.

May God bless you.

Fr. Tom

**MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS**

**Sunday, September 12: 9:45 AM MASS**

Parish

**Monday, September 13: 9:00 AM MASS**

Living & deceased members of the Walliczek Family

**Tuesday, September 14: 9:00 AM MASS**

Marian Johnson by Anne Adams

**Wednesday, September 15: 9:00 AM MASS**

Parish

**Thursday, September 16: 12:10 PM MASS**

+ Larry O'Mara by Ruth O'Mara

**Friday, September 17: 9:00 AM MASS**

Living & deceased members of the Walliczek Family

**Saturday, September 18: 6:00 PM Vigil MASS**

The Behnke Family by Anne Adams

**Lector:** R. Sinke

**EOM:** P. Sinke

**Sunday, September 19: 9:45 AM**

+ Patrick Hackett by Nuala Williams

**Lector:** A. Brodbeck

**EOM:** C. Gillette

"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 Patrick Hackett, brother of Nuala Williams, who passed from death to life on September 4, 2021.

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



**NEW Facebook Page: Find us at:**

**Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church** or **@SECCLO**

Please visit and join our online community.

**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. If you know someone who might "make a good Catholic", please call Anne Adams at 616-374-8340

**RCIA Schedule**

- 9-15 Creation: Alan/Gary
- 9-22 Divine Revelation: Andrew
- 9-29 Scripture and Tradition: Jerry
- 10-6 Salvation, Redemption, Justification, Merit & Grace: Alan
- 10-13 Church and the 4 marks of the Church: Anne
- 10-20 Incarnation: Andrew
- 10-27 Commandments 1-3: Jerry
- 11-3 Commandments 4-10: Anne
- 11-10 Prayer: Andrew
- 11-17 Prayer: Alan/Gary
- 12-1 Liturgical Seasons/Holy Days: Jerry
- 12-8 The Mass
- 12-15 The Mass
- 12-22 The Mass

**A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar**

If we want to be happy at home, we must commit ("lose ourselves") to our family. If we try to be independent from others ("save ourselves") we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it.

PLEASE PRAY for:

Randy Armstrong, George Heinze and Lisa Nelson.

Cards and letters can be mailed to Lisa at

11148 Vermontville Hwy, Vermontville, MI 49096



Grief Support Group **will meet on October 7th** (the first Thursday) at **1 pm** in the family center library. If you would like information call Marsha @269-367-4403.

**St. Edward's Preschool Open Enrollment for 21-22**



Our 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 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.

**Faith Formation Update:**

We are now in need of Faith Formation subs! PLEASE consider this classroom experience as a discipleship mission that will help you grow in your faith as you continue to plant the faith in several young Catholic lives. Our Sunday Faith Formation Team's key role is to support parents as primary educators of our faith and their knowledge of our Catholic teachings. You don't have to be a "teacher" to join our team, you need to be a faith filled Catholic leader and willing to spend a Sunday morning with our Catholic Family. Substitute leaders who are willing to help our parish children continue on their journey of learning about GOD's words, HIS actions, and The Church, please contact the Faith Formation Department for more information or email [fredia@wowway.biz](mailto:fredia@wowway.biz).

\*\*\* This year's Faith Formation Registration forms are located by each entrance of the church. Last year we updated the forms for returning families but this year we need all families to fill out a new form. Completed forms can be placed in the Faith Formation mailbox in the back of the church or taken to the parish office.

**PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS**

Nick R. Baker  
Mundelein Seminary  
1000 East Maple Ave  
Mundelein, IL 60060



Heavenly Father,  
We give you thanks and praise for your son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men to minister as priests. Lord, we pray for our seminarians, especially Nick Baker. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Televised Sunday Mass: Join us each week for the live broadcast of 10 a.m. Sunday Mass from the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. Watch on TV on FOX 17, or online at [grdiocese.org](http://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](mailto:alaumeyer@grdiocese.org) or calling 616-551-5629.

And Mary said "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior." Luke 1:46

**OUR PARISH OFFERING – Sept 4/5, 2021**

Adults	\$ 3,100.00
Loose:	\$ 207.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 3,307.00</b>
Budgeted Weekly:	\$ 3,250.00
<b>Overage/Shortage:</b>	<b>\$ 57.00</b>

**July 1, 2021 – Sept 5, 2021** Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 32,912.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 32,500.00
<b>Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>\$ 412.00</b>

*Please note that "Our Parish offering" reflects the income from Sunday and Holy day offertory **only**.*

*Thank you for your continued support of the church.*

**Counters:** September 19: Janice Fyan & Betsy Wieland

**Finance:** The next Finance meeting is on October 18<sup>th</sup> 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 our parish. If you are interested, please see Dan Shields or email the office.



The next K of C meeting is September 14 at 7 pm. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word In need of Leaders & Aids**

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word for Children ages 5 through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at the 9:45 AM Sunday Mass. Due to lack of adult leaders this ministry is in jeopardy of not taking place this Fall. Would you be interested in helping this ministry once a month? We are looking for more leaders to help provide this program to our parish families. Volunteers are needed to teach the lessons each week, as well as assist with supervision of the children. This is a great opportunity for adults and middle/ high schoolers to help our parish youngsters learn the Word of the Lord.

What does a CLOW leader do? Just before the Liturgy of the Word begins for the assembly, the children are invited to go with the leader from the church to the CLOW area in the basement of the church. During this time the leader will lead the children through prayers, songs and readings that are simplified for children. The lesson plan is provided prior to class for the leader to review. The children learn about the same Scripture readings as the congregation and are encouraged to share the message with their parents after Mass.

If you would like more information or an enrollment application, please contact us at 616-374-7253.

**How do Catholics regard Jesus' name?**

*"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth (Phil. 2:10).* The use of His name is so powerful, Jesus promised that He will answer any prayer we make in His name (Jn14:14)

It is wrong to speak the holy name of God in any way other than prayer or praise. In fact, He promise that whatever we ask in his powerful name He will give us. Calling on His name as a swear, to express improper emotions, using it to curse or make promises we don't keep are grave sins.