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June 12, 2022 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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#### 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.





# THE MOST HOLY TRINTY



SACRED SCRIPTURE

## **12 SUNDAY: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

Prv 8: 22-31 Ps 8:4-9 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15 13 MONDAY: Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor of Church 1 Kgs 21:1-16 Ps 5:2-3b, 4b-7 Mt 5:38-42

14 TUESDAY: Weekday 1 Kgs 21:17-29 Ps 51:3-6b, 11, 16 Mt 5:43-48 **15 WEDNESDAY:** Weekday 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Ps 31:20-21, 24 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 **16 THURSDAY:** Weekday Sir 48:1-14 Ps 97:1-7 Mt 6:7-15 17 FRIDAY: Weekday 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Ps 132:11-14, 17-18 Mt 6:19-23 18 SATURDAY: Weekday 2 Chr 24:17-25 Ps 89:4-5, 29-34 Mt 6:24-34

## **19 SUNDAY: THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)**

Gn 14:18-20 Ps 110:1-4 1 Cor 11:23-26 Lk 9:11b-17

#### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

### **Sacrament of Confession**

A week from today we will be celebrating Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. This will also mark the beginning of a three-year program on the Eucharist. I will write more on the Eucharist next week. But for right now we need to look at the Sacrament of Confession. Confession is for many of us not something we wish to think about. Yes, it is a gift from God. Yet going to another human being, a priest, is especially difficult for us. Many of us chose not to go. But this means we are missing out on God's great gift. Confession can be scary. But it is always worth going to, no matter how we feel about it beforehand. The graces and mercy that flow from this Sacrament always conquer the fear and anxiety that we might feel. People will find a million reasons to avoid this gift. Sometimes it helps to hear the stories of those who have gone before us. That is why we have created this list of stories of Confession that are sure to uplift you and lead you to the Confession line. These are real stories but obviously many details have been left out to keep everything anonymous.

"I once went to Confession and I was so nervous that I didn't know how to begin. So, I told the priest how I was feeling and he prayed with me. His prayer was so understanding and compassionate that I then had the courage to start making my confession."

"During parish missions in the diocese priests usually hold Confessions face to face. You can imagine the horror at the thought of confessing your sins while looking someone in the eyes. It's always easier to confess behind a division, but for a while I've challenged myself to confess face to face. However, I suddenly realized with one catch: Confession had to be with a priest I didn't know. Talk about confessing behind a division or wall! This Lent, a priest who is a family friend was giving the Lenten Mission at a local parish. Time for confessions came, the Holy Spirit was obviously looking to pour His mercy out in this moment because I would have never considered Confession with him, but I got up, stood in line and when it was my turn, he listened intently to everything I had to say, allowing me to vent. When he finally decided to speak, he did so in a way that I never expected. He reminded me that life can be tough and it can take a toll on any of us, but there is always, always someone by our side willing to help us with our cross. There was no judgment or scolding, just mercy and love."

"I found Confession hard when I was little and I still do. I always feel like the fat mouse from Cinderella trying to juggle all the corn, which for me is how I see all the rubbish I tend to carry, sometimes without realizing it. The hurt and pain in my heart just gets worse when the load is too much. So, on this particular occasion I shared it in Confession, chatting to the priest and explaining it with the fat mouse analogy. There was Praise and Worship music on in the background during this time of Confession and I heard the line of a song which was "lay it all down." At that moment, something inside me said, 'Enough is enough, just unpack your heart, I'm here'. So, I did. The priest said to me, "You belong to God, don't let anyone put you down or try to tell you what you are not. He has made you for heaven!"

There are many other stories, but in the end it is always the same. They end up going to confession and come away with God's forgiveness and mercy. Isn't it time for you to reconsider going to confession?

May God richly bless you!

Fr. Tom

### JUNE 12, 2022

#### **Please Pray for:**

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Randy Armstrong, Maurice Hickey, Lisa Nelson and for all current and retired members of the Armed Forces.



Grief Support Group will meet on **July 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 2022-23**

If you would like more information, please contact us at 616-374-7253 x4, email fredia@wowway.biz, or stop by the St. Edward Family Center. Enrollment applications are located in the south entrance of the church.

## Faith Formation Update:

We have a few openings for Faith Formation Leaders for next fall. If you have any interest in sharing our Catholic faith with our young parish members, please contact Fredia in the DRE office.

## PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Jeffrey Davlin University of St. Thomas St. John Vianney Seminary 2115 Summit Ave St. Paul, MN 55105



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 vocations to the priesthood especially Jeffrey. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

### INVITATION: CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

You and your family are invited to join a diocesan Eucharistic procession to begin the multi-year Eucharistic Revival on Sunday, June 19, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

The procession will take place immediately following the noon Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew (Mass is in Spanish, procession will be bilingual). The route will be approximately one mile and will return to the cathedral at its conclusion to end with Benediction.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi, witnesses to our belief of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

All are welcome to join for this special occasion.

More information may be found on the diocesan website: https://grdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival/

#### Why do Catholics use the different titles when we address the clergy?

After Jesus ascended, the Church grew so quickly that the spiritual needs of the Christian community demanded a global hierarchy of clergy to minister to them while maintaining the unity of the Faith. In response, the Apostles ordained deacons to assist so they could focus on liturgy (Acts 6:2-4).

Today, there are different titles for different roles and levels of authority. For example, we are most likely to encounter priests ("Father"), deacons, and bishops ("Your Excellency," or "Your Grace")

Sunday June 12: 9:45 am + Dewie Manshum by Marty & Gayla Kretovic Monday, June 13: 9:00 am + Steve Goble by Ruth O'Mara Tuesday June 14: 9:00 am For Saint Edward's Parish Wednesday June 15: 9:00 am Emma Martin by The Martin Family Thursday June 16: 12:10pm + Steve Goble by The Family Friday June 17: 9:00 am + Living & Deceased members of the Walliczek Family Saturday June 18: 6:00 pm + Fredrick & Phyllis Beckhold by Nick & Lea Zurawski and Brody & Aurora Beckhold Lector: Pat St. Amour EOM: Carolyn M. Sunday June 19: 9:45am

+ Steve Goble by Marty & Gayla Kretovic Lector: Alan B. EOM: Janice F.

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

#### **Confession Times -**

Father Tom will be offering confession on Tuesday mornings starting on June 21<sup>st</sup> from 8-9 am in addition to the regular Thursday nights confession from 6:30-7:30 pm

2022 Scholarship recipient is Kristine Possehn.

#### **Baptism:**

Louis T. Spitzley was baptized on June 5th of 2022. Child of Paul and Emily Spitzley.

## **Catholic Services Appeal**

Thank you for your gifts to CSA 2022! Your generous support funds essential diocesan ministries that support our seminarians, provide training for teachers and faith formation staff, and brings assistance to our brothers and sisters in need.

To date our parish households, have contributed \$35,995 or 152 % of our parish goal.

#### Please keep in mind that any amount raised over our goal is returned to the parish.

Please continue to pray for the success of this important effort.

#### Your turn

Your turn No parish can do the work of the Church without support from parishioners. For example, parishioners may bring Communion to the sick or infirm, clean the church, staff parish ministries, teach faith formation and give money to keep church facilities operating. It is this vital participation that brings the heart of Jesus to His people. Ask your pastor what your parish needs from vou.

Sunday reminder The Church requires that Catholics participate in Mass on Sunday and other holy days of obligation. It's the best way we regularly encounter Christ. We are also to abstain from work on Sunday that could interfere with the attention and worship due to God. God wants us to rest on Sunday to gather strength for the week ahead. "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor" (Romans 12:9-10)

#### **OUR PARISH OFFERING – June 4/5, 2022**

Adults Loose: <b>Total receipts:</b> Budgeted Weekly: <b>Overage/Shortage:</b>	\$	5,020.00 142.00 <b>5,162.00</b> 3,250.00 1,912.00
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#### July 1, 2021 – June 5, 2022 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections \$ 179,997.00 Year-to-Date: Budgeted Year-to-Date: \$159.250.00 **Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:** \$ 20,747.00

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: June 19: Bill Sutton & Mike Hickey



#### **Elections Elections Elections**

Don't Forget election of council officers will be held this Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

The Knights bottle and can drive will continue until further notice and the trailer has been removed from parking lot.

Thanks to all for your continued participation.

#### A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The words of Jesus in today's gospel, "I have many things to say to you, but you cannot hear them now." could have been said by any parent. It can be frustrating because our desire to guide is often misinterpreted or poorly received. We cannot program our children. We can only teach, lead, and trust the Spirit of truth will guide them.



#### **Church Cleaning Volunteers**

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to do light weekly cleaning of the church on a rotating schedule beginning in July. Cleaning would include (but not limited

to): vacuuming entry area, dusting around statues, and cleaning bathrooms.

If you are interested or want more information, please contact the office.

#### Faithful Citizenship Part II: Who is my neighbor?

Join us for a three-part series on Faithful Citizenship – how Catholics can live their faith in the public square. You are welcome to attend any or all of the events. The second event, an introduction to Catholic Social Teaching concerning religious freedom and the common good will be held on Tuesday, July 12 at 2 p.m. at Cathedral Square Center.

Join DJ Florian, director of pastoral services, as he discusses our opportunity to begin anew this election year. How can we be people of solidarity and charity, and renew and recommit ourselves to being well grounded in our rich Catholic social doctrine?

The final presentation in the series will be held September 13. This series is sponsored by the diocesan Office of Pastoral Services.