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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022
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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.

Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

Ps. 85:8



27 SUNDAY: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44

28 MONDAY: Advent Weekday

Is 4:2-6 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:37-44

29 TUESDAY: Advent Weekday

Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

30 WEDNESDAY: Saint Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 4-18-22

01 THURSDAY: Advent Weekday

Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27

02 FRIDAY: Advent Weekday

Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9: 27-31

03 SATURDAY: Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

04 SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8 12-13, 17 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

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Joe Hickey, Grand Knight
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Pray for the Unborn

Welcome to the New Year!

Welcome to the New Year! Today is the first day of our New Liturgical Year, the First Sunday of Advent. Advent as everyone knows is a time of preparation. It's a time of celebrating once again the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Even though He was born more than 2000 years ago, it is such an important birthday for us that we still celebrate it. Advent is also a time when we celebrate Jesus with us in the here and now. Part of that celebration will be a time in adoration which we will have at 7:00 PM on December 13th. Finally, during Advent, we also pray for and look forward to our Lord's second coming when He will invite us to join with Him in eternal life in His heavenly kingdom. So, we have a lot to celebrate.

As we prepare ourselves for this, it is necessary that we look at ourselves. Are we ready? Jesus Christ is our King as we recognized just before beginning our Advent preparations. Have we invited Him to be the King of our lives? When Jesus was with His disciples, He asked them, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Jesus asked, "But who do you say that I am?" This is a question that Jesus asks you and me. Who is He for us? Throughout the Scriptures, Jesus continually demonstrates His divinity. Only Jesus had the power to change the water into wine at the wedding feast. Jesus would say to the leper "be healed" and he was. He would tell the blind to see and the deaf to hear and the lame to walk and miraculously they would be healed. The suffering woman just touched His coat and she was healed. The man who was lowered down through the roof was healed. And Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes to feed thousands with just a few loaves and two fish. Jesus even told people "Their sins were forgiven." Their SINS WERE FORGIVEN! No one but God could do that! And Jesus did, for He is God.

So, who do you say that He is? Today? And every day?

If we say Jesus is God (and who wouldn't?), then it means our lives have to change. If Jesus is God, how can we NOT do what He asks of us? He is the way, the truth and the life. Not a way but the one and only way for us to gain eternal life.

Let us begin once again prepare ourselves for Jesus Christ. Let us gather together to worship Him. Let us listen to His words. Let us put them to work in our lives. Then we will be really ready to welcome into Him into our lives.

God bless you,

Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday November 27: 9:45 am

+ Dr. John Walkowiak

Monday, November 28: 9:00 am

+ Bob Stadel by Marsha Stadel

Tuesday, November 29: 9:00 am

Parish

Wednesday, November 30: 9:00 am

For all Seminarians

Thursday, December 1: 12:10 pm

St. Edward Parish

Friday, December 2: 9:00 am

For all children

Saturday, December 3: 6:00 pm

+ Living & Deceased members of the Walliczek Family

Lector:

EOM: Yvonne McCaul & Carolyn Mayhew

Altar Servers:

Sunday, December 04: 9:45am

St. Edward Parish

Lector: Alan B

EOM: Chris Vinton & Cindy Gillette

Altar Servers: Hannah and Liam Fyan, Marjorie Brodbeck

Extra Sunday Afternoon Confessions during Advent

- November 27 & December 11 from 3pm – 5pm



Adoration

Thursdays evenings from 6 to 8 pm in the Church.

November 3, 10, 17, 24

December 1, 15, 22, 29

Church Decorating - We are looking for an individual or individuals that are willing to decorate the altar and church throughout the year. The person who was decorating the church is no longer able. If you are interested, please call the office.

Christmas Basket Donations Needed!

Our Parish is once again partnering with other area churches to support the Lakewood Community Council Christmas Basket Program. This program provides food, winter gear, and children's gifts to families in need in the Lakewood area.



Our Church has been asked to provide \$10- \$12 gifts for 3-year-old boys (8 needed) and 9-year-old girls (7 needed). If you are able, please place your donation in a gift bag. We are also in need of new hats, socks, and water-resistant gloves/mittens of all sizes. All donations need to be left in the back of the church by November 27. Please pray for the families receiving these baskets, that their hearts will be touched.

To let us know that you plan to purchase a child's gift or if you are in need of an application to receive a basket, please contact Karen Halanski (847-404-1887) or Gayle Peacock (616-374-8274).

Thank you for your continued generosity to this program!

Please Pray for:

Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong, Lisa Nelson, Maurice Hickey and all deceased family members.



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

"The Memory Tree will be in the back of Church during the month of November when we remember All Souls. Each ball on the tree has the name, from the previous years, of deceased loved ones. If you have a loved one who has died during the past year, please write the name on the pad next to the tree, and a ball will be made for them."

RCIA is 6:30 p.m. Wednesday nights at 753 5th Ave., Lake Odessa. Please give this information to anyone you know considering our faith practice. Please call Anne at 616-374-8340 for more information or to let us know to you want a seat.

Schedule:

- 11-30 Liturgical Seasons & Holy Days- Jerry
- 12-07 Mass
- 12-14 Mass
- 12-21 Mass

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Greg L. Wasinski
University of St. Thomas
2115 Summit Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55105



God our Father,

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

Matthew 24:37-44, Don't be afraid, do be prepared

The Church calendar is a gift to help us mark the seasons of joy and sorrow, work and rest. We can withdraw from the pattern of the world and remember that we wait in joyful hope for Jesus to come.

Beginning at the end of this month, the season of Advent is a time of warning and a time of preparation. Next month we celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas. But he will come twice more: at our own death, and at the end of time. This Gospel reading reminds us that we will never know ahead of time just when he will come for us. Advent is the time to ask, "What do I need to do to be ready to greet the Lord?"

Start by examining your conscience and pick one or two sinful practices you want to eliminate. Then try to spend more time in prayer, attend Mass faithfully, and go to Confession.

Finally, spend a few extra minutes each day in prayer. Then when Christmas comes, you will know you are ready to greet the Lord with joy.

We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." — St. Teresa of Calcutta

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: December 4: Joe Hickey- Larry Adams



K of C: Next Meeting will be on **Monday** December 12 at 7pm.

The Knights have Christmas cards for sale in the back of Church.

The Knights of Columbus will host a life insurance / benefits TV watch party on November 29th at 8pm in the St. Edward's Family Center. All Knights and family members 17 years and older are invited to join us for light snacks and hour program. If you cannot join us on the 29th, please register and watch at home using the link below. www.TinyURL.com/HegnaFBN

This year, Giving Tuesday is on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Giving Tuesday is a campaign created and shared through web and social media to encourage online giving to nonprofits. Our goal is to encourage Catholics around the diocese to give back to Catholic parishes, schools, and diocesan ministries in place of their favorite secular nonprofits. To unite these efforts, the diocese will be using the hashtag #GiveCatholicWM. Your parishioners will be able to donate here: bitly.com/givecatholicwm (the webpage will be live on Giving Tuesday). The diocese will not charge credit card fees which means that 100% of the funds donated to each parish, school, or diocesan ministry goes to the mission.

Saints Peter & Paul annual Advent by Candle Light will be on Monday November 28th in Apostles Hall at 6:00 pm. Sheri Wohlfert will be the guest speaker "Be Ready!"

The short season of Advent can be a rich training ground for practicing the presence of God in our hearts, minds, and in our everyday lives. It can equip us to be prepared to receive our Savior at Christmas time.

If you are interested in attending or hosting a table, contact Toni McKay at 616-527-3610.

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on "How to give" under "Resources."

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 or the diocesan Facebook page (Diocese of Grand Rapids).

"During Advent we do not just live in anticipation of Christmas; we are also called to rekindle the anticipation of the glorious return of Christ, when he will return at the end of time, preparing ourselves, with consistent and courageous choices, for the final encounter with him. We remember Christmas, we await the glorious return of Christ, and also our personal encounter: the day in which the Lord will call." Pope Francis