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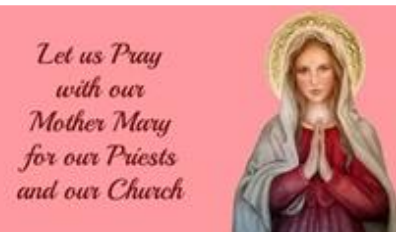
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Let us Pray with our Mother Mary for our Priests and our Church

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

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Pray for the Unborn

Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 19, 2023
 Saint Edward Church
 531 Jordan Lake St.
 Lake Odessa, MI 48849

Pastor: Father Tom Brown
frtombrown@ssppcatholic.com

Associate Pastor:
 Father Oscar Londoño, mxy

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Facebook: Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church or @SECCLO

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.



19 SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23:1-6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

20 MONDAY: SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

2Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16-18, 22

21 TUESDAY: Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

22 WEDNESDAY: Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 14-18 Jn 5:17-30

23 THURSDAY: Lenten Weekday; Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47

24 FRIDAY: Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

25 SATURDAY: THE ANNUCIATION OF THE LORD

Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

26 SUNDAY: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

Have you gone to confession yet? Lent is a time of year that has a great emphasis on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus appeared to the disciples in the upper room on Easter night, breathed on them and said, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent Me, so I send you." As He said this, He breathed on them, adding, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven, and whose sins you retain are retained." Notice that Jesus did this by breathing on them. The only other time we read this is when God breathed life into the first human beings He created. This speaks of the power of the symbol and the power given to the Apostles. Just as God breathed life into the human body, the followers of Jesus were to breathe new life into those damaged by sin! Notice also that they had the power to forgive and the power to not forgive. This means the disciples had to hear the confessions in order to know whether to forgive them or hold them bound.

Many will say they confess directly to God while Catholics confess to a priest. But this is wrong. Catholics always confess their sins to God. They do it directly as well as through His ministers because that is what God requires, as clearly taught in Scripture. Look at St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians in chapter 5: "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation...All this is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and given us a ministry of reconciliation, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So, we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." What does this mean other than that they share in the ministry of Christ and forgive sins in His name?

James also makes it clear that the sins of the sick are forgiven in the Sacrament of Anointing. He specifies that the priests are to be called. They obviously had power the ordinary Christian did not: the power to forgive sins. Otherwise, why didn't James just ask ordinary fellow Christians to pray over the sick as is the case in numerous other passages?

Remember Jesus said to the Apostles "as the Father sent Me, so I send you." The Apostles are to continue the mission of Christ. The essence of that mission is the forgiveness of sins. Jesus knows us. He provided sacramental confession to give us humility, the certainty of forgiveness, and help to overcome self-deception and rationalization in matters of sin. Clearly Christ gave his disciples the power to forgive sin. This power is intended to be passed on since Christ knew people would sin until the end of time.

To encourage confessions, Bishop Walkowiak has directed all pastors to be in the confessional from 5-8pm on the March 23rd. I will be at St. Peter & Paul. Other days there will include 11 to Noon on Mondays and Wednesdays and 3 to 3:50pm on Saturdays. Thursdays will be at St. Edward at 6:30pm. In addition, Sundays are from 3 to 5pm at St. Edward on March 19th and April 2nd and at St. Peter & Paul on March 26th. Finally, special times are available by appointment.

God bless you!
Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, March 19, 9:45 am
+ Carolyn Fischer by Tim & Janette Olexa
Monday, March 20, 9:00 am
+ Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family
Tuesday, March 21, 9:00 am
Our Seminarians

Wednesday, March 22, 9:00 am
Saint Edward Parish

Thursday, March 23, 12:10 pm
For the Poor

Friday, March 24, 09:00am
For the hungry

Saturday, March 25, 6:00 pm
+ Richard Flier by James Stebbins

Lector: Pat St. A.
EOM: Yvonne M., Carolyn M., & Bill S.

Altar Servers:

Sunday, March 26, 9:45am
+ Jerry Finkler by James Stebbins

Lector: Andrew S.
EOM: Lynn F., Cindi G., & Carole H.

Altar Servers:
Greeters:

Adoration



Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 pm in the Church.
March 2, 9, 16 and 30

No Adoration on March 23rd.

Adoration sign-up sheets are located at the entrances of the Church.

Stations of the Cross –



Fridays in Lent at 6:30pm
March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Sunday Reconciliation in Lent



3 – 5 pm
March 19
April 2

Here's your last-minute reminder that Saint Peter & Paul is participating in "The Light is On for You: An Evening of Penance" THIS THURSDAY (March 23). Join Father Tom from 5 - 8 p.m. in the confessional as we prepare for the Lord's resurrection.

It's Show time! Please join us for a mid-day showing of *Mother Teresa: No Greater Love*. The movie will be on March 26 at 2 pm in the Family Center. The movie is rated PG.

Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

RSVP by signing up on the sheets at the entrances of the church or by calling 374-7253 x4.

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).

Please Pray for:

Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong,
Lisa Nelson, & the sick.



Grief Support Group will meet on **April 6** (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 2023-24**



We are now planning for the 2023-24 preschool year and are accepting applications from families who would like their child to attend our program this Fall. 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.

Blessings,

Ms. Fredia /Program Director of St. Edward's Preschool

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.

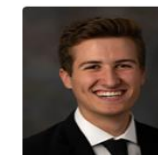
RCIA Schedule 2023

3-22 Social teaching, faith into practice, being part of the Church and the precepts of the Church all staff

3-29 Paschal Mystery Gary

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Isaac Schneider
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 Isaac. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Bipply- Crockford Scholarships

Applications are now being accepted for the Bipply-Crockford Scholarship. This scholarship is in Memory of Mary Bipply and Virginia Crockford which attended St. Edwards for many years. The scholarship is for graduating high school seniors who have regularly attend St Edward Faith Formation classes, weekly Masses, and meets required guidelines. A renewal scholarship is also available for those who were awarded the initial scholarship, continued to practice their Catholic faith while in college, and meets required guidelines.

Please contact the office for an application which are due April 28, 2023.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Volunteers needed at Trinity Health Saint Mary's in downtown Grand Rapids. If you are currently serving your parish as a minister and could serve a minimum of 4 hours per month as a hospital volunteer, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Laura Connors at connerla@trinity-health.org.

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Mar 11/12, 2023

Adults	\$ 2,614.00
Loose:	\$ 102.00
Total receipts:	\$ 2,816.00
Budgeted Weekly:	\$ 3,650.00
Overage/Shortage:	\$ (834.00)

July 1, 2022 – Mar 12, 2023 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 136,801.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 135,050.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ 1,751.00

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 March 26: Betsy Wieland & Joe Hickey

Finance Council Meeting: March 20 at 6:30pm



Next Meeting will be on
Monday, April 10, 2023 at 7pm.

The winners of the "Lucky 300" Drawing for the week of 2-12-23 were:

- 1st Place - \$175.00 – Miranda Olson
- 2nd Place - \$ 50.00 – Darla Vinton
- 3rd Place - \$ 25.00 – Dee Duguid

Knights of Columbus Pie Pick Up Weekend



Saturday, March 18th after Mass, 7:00 – 8:00
Sunday, March 19th after Mass, 11:00 – 12:00
the Family Center.

Proceeds from this event provide funding for charitable work of K of C Council 14404 and/or St. Edward's Preschool.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

This Lent, grow your faith and your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience March 24-26 in Saginaw. Other upcoming dates are April 14-16 in Grass Lake and Sept. 29-Oct. 1 in Petoskey. Apply today at wwme.org or contact Chris & Darla at 517-667-0433 for more info.

ATTENTION MEN OF THE PARISH!

Our next Diocese of Grand Rapids' Men's Cursillo weekend is scheduled for April 20–23 at St. Joseph Church in Belding (409 S. Bridge, Belding).

A Men's Cursillo Weekend provides Catholic men an opportunity to grow in their faith and discover a practical method for applying their faith to their everyday lives. Cursillo is a worldwide movement that began in Spain more than 80 years ago and has received the blessing of Bishop Walkowiak and the three most recent Popes. For more information visit the Cursillo website at www.grcursillo.org or call Tim Reno at 616-894-5652.