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Pray for the Unborn

Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

The Ascension of the Lord

May 21, 2023
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8 AM-2 PM

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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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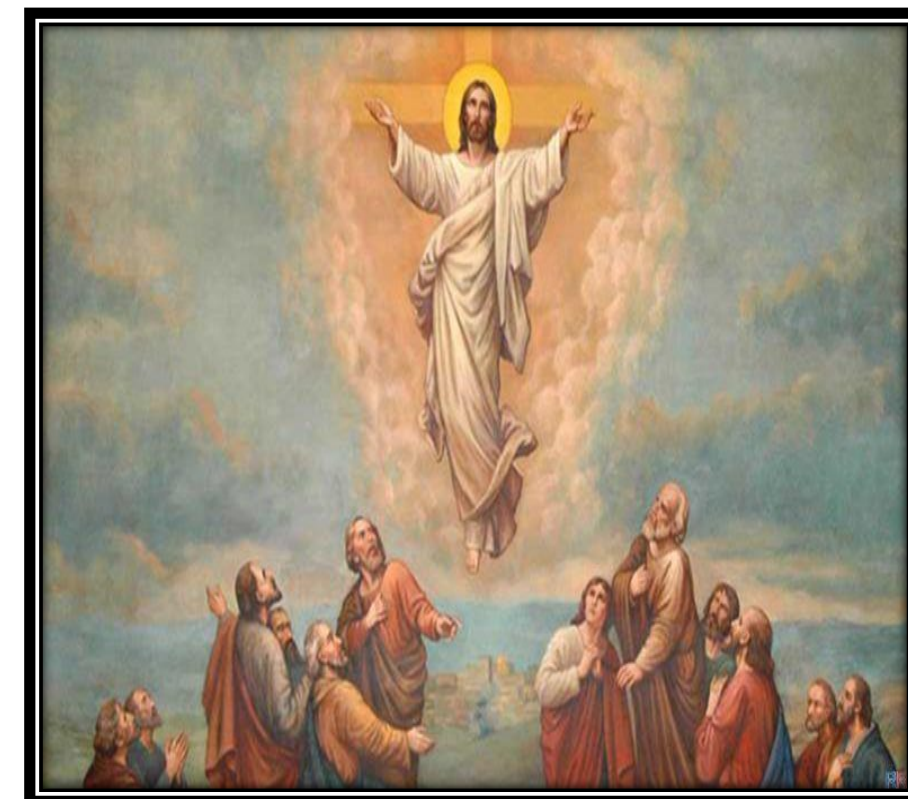
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



21 Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord
 Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47: 2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

22 Monday: Easter Weekday; Saint Rite of Cascia, Religious
 Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-7 Jn 16:29-33

23 Tuesday: Easter Weekday
 Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a

24 Wednesday: Easter Weekday
 Acts 20:28-30; 28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b Jn 17:11b-19

25 Thursday: Easter Weekday; Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
 Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Jn 17:20-26

26 Friday: Saint Philip Neri, Priest
 Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b Jn 21:15-19

27 Saturday: Easter Weekday; Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
 Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4-5, 7 Jn 21:20-25

28 Sunday: Pentecost Sunday
 Act 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

Special call to prayer on May 31

The Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will gather in Rome from Oct. 4 - 29, 2023, to continue dialogue on the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission."

In preparation, Bishop Walkowiak is extending an invitation from the General Secretariat of the Synod to observe a moment of prayer on Wednesday, May 31, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, placing the Synod under her protection.

Please join in this special opportunity by praying a rosary followed by the prayer below.

Prayer entrusting the Synod to Mary

O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother,
as the disciples gathered around you
to await the coming of the Holy Spirit,
so, we entrust ourselves to your protection
as we seek to follow that same Spirit on the path of synodality.

Obtain for us, by your powerful intercession,
grace to deepen our communion with our Lord and one another,
charity to welcome full participation of all the baptized in the life of the Church,
and courage to engage in Christ's mission to the world.

Guide our bishops as they assemble this October,
that they may build up the household of faith
as they shepherd us along the way to eternal life in Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

This prayer and more information on the synod are available online at GRdiocese.org/synod

Prison & Jail Ministry Informational Sessions

We are actively seeking volunteers to help us offer weekly Catholic services including Masses, Communion services, RCIA classes and prayer services within 21 correctional facilities across our 11-county diocese. Join Bishop Walkowiak and more than 50 active volunteers in this vital ministry to the incarcerated.

Want to learn more? Please attend an upcoming informational session.

When: Monday, June 26 - Two identical sessions, come to either one: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 6 - 9 p.m.

Where: Cathedral Square Center, 360 Division Ave. S., Grand Rapids, MI

Register Now or visit grdiocese.org/prison-and-jail-ministry/ to learn more.

Questions: Tricia Worrell, program director, 616-475-1255 or tworrell@grdiocese.org

MDOC Re-entry Summit: Donations Needed

The Diocese of Grand Rapids' Prison and Jail Ministry will again host the Michigan Department of Corrections Offenders Success Annual Re-entry Summit in early August. This summit offers individuals on parole and probation the opportunity to meet with over 20 support service providers and includes a free raffle, breakout sessions and a keynote speaker. In the past, more than 100 individuals have attended.

We are seeking the following donations to be given to attendees and to include in the raffle:

- **New or gently used bikes**
- **Backpacks for men and women containing some or all of the following items:**
 - Shampoo
 - Conditioner
 - body wash
 - razors
 - razor blades
 - feminine hygiene products
 - Deodorant
 - Body Lotion
 - Washcloths
 - Hand towels
 - Bath Towels
- **Wallets containing gift cards to:**
 - restaurants that do not sell alcohol (Subway, McDonalds, Panera Bread)
 - barber shops/hair salons

Donations are being accepted now through Monday, July 10. All donations can be delivered, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. to Cathedral Square Center, 360 Division Ave S., Grand Rapids, MI, 49504. If you are interested in collecting these items or perhaps leading a service project at your parish or school to benefit those returning from incarceration, please contact program director Tricia Worrell at 616-475-1255 or tworrell@grdiocese.org

May is Foster Care Awareness Month

Did you know?

- More than 11,000 children are in foster care in Michigan
- Most foster children are 8 years old or older
- There is a huge need for foster families who are willing to keep siblings together
- You can provide a safe, loving, structured home for a child in foster Care

May is Foster Care month. Catholic Charities West Michigan is seeking foster parents in West Michigan for children from our community who come into their care. These kids need nurturing adults on their side.

Will you be the difference in a child's life? Applicants of all ages, cultures, and ethnicities are encouraged to apply! Learn more at ccwestmi.org.



Aug. 19, 2023 | 1-4 p.m.

•Confident Kids is a day where children in foster care can celebrate their unique identities, their diversity, and feel truly special. At the event, we will provide all children in our foster care program haircuts, styles, braiding, and back to school supplies. To make this event possible, we are always looking for school supplies and hair care donations! Please visit our Amazon wish list to donate.

•This day will be focused on empowering the children in our care to know they are special, loved and worthy. The Confident Kids event will also help educate current foster parents in areas of cultural competence, how to enable children of all backgrounds to connect with diverse leaders in the community, and how to empower children to feel confident. We hope this day provides respite for families and children from the sometimes-harsh realities of foster care. Each child in care deserves to feel good about themselves, and look their best!

Volunteer driver needed for God's Kitchen!

Catholic Charities West Michigan is looking for a volunteer (age 18+) to help deliver meals to homes on Wednesday mornings for God's Kitchen. Routes vary and cover NE, NW, SE, and SW Grand Rapids and take less than one hour to complete. This volunteer role would be perfect for someone looking for a consistent way to be involved at God's Kitchen and help us get meals out to those in need. If you are interested, please contact Davina Bryan at dbryan@ccwestmi.org or 616.306.8330.

The Ascension of the Lord

According to the Gospel of St. Luke, the last gesture of Jesus during his life here on earth was to give a blessing. The Eleven disciples had gone, as Jesus told them to, from Galilee to the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem. On seeing the risen Lord once more, they fell down before him as their Master and their God and worshipped him. Now they are much more convinced of what they had believed in their hearts and confessed with their lips: that their Master was the promised Messiah. They were delighted and full of joy at having their Lord and God so near. After the forty days spent in his company, they could be witnesses to what they had seen and heard. The Holy Spirit would confirm in them the teachings of Jesus and would lead them to the complete truth.

The Lord spoke to them as only God could. Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to me." Jesus confirmed the faith of those who worshipped him and taught them that the power they were receiving was a sharing in his own divine power. The power to forgive sins. The power to bring about a rebirth through Baptism. This is the power of Christ himself and now he is giving it to his Church. The mission of the Church is to continue the work of Christ, to teach people divine truths and to make known the demands these truths impose, to help people follow God's way through the grace of the sacraments. Jesus said the them, "You shall receive power from on high when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all of Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. St. Luke describes this to us in his Acts of the Apostles. He withdrew from their sight little by little. The Apostles stayed there for a long while, looking up as Jesus ascended majestically until a cloud took him out of their presence. It was the cloud that signified the presence of God. St. John Chrysostom says the cloud was a sign that Jesus had entered heaven.

Jesus' life on earth finished not with his death on the cross, but with his Ascension into Heaven. It is the last of the mysteries of his life here on earth. It is a redemptive mystery which together with his Passion, Death, and Resurrection makes up the Paschal mysteries. It was fitting that those who saw Christ die amid insults, scoffing, and mockery on the Cross should see him now exalted. They see fulfilled now the words Jesus had spoken to them. "I am ascending now to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

We meditate on the Ascension of our Lord in the Second Glorious Mystery of the Rosary. Jesus has gone to the Father. Two angels in white approach and say, "Why do you stand looking up to heaven?" Peter and the others return to Jerusalem with great joy. It is fitting that Jesus should receive the homage and praise of all in heaven! Let us here on earth join in with them!

May God bless you!

Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, May 21, 9:45 am

+ Donald & Gert Arenes by the Family

Monday, May 22, 9:00 am

Father Oscar

Tuesday, May 23, 9:00 am

Father Tom

Wednesday, May 24, 9:00 am

St. Edward Parish

Thursday, May 25, 12:10 pm

+ Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family

Friday, May 26, 9:00am

+ Clyde Carnegie by Marsha Stadel

Saturday, May 27, 6:00 pm

St. Edward Parish

Lector: Kathy S.

EOM: Bill S. & Mary S.

Altar Servers:

Sunday, May 28, 9:45am

+ James Hickey by Joe Hickey

Lector: Anne A.

EOM:

Altar Servers: Marjie B. & Robbie K.

Adoration



Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 pm in the Church. May 4, 11, 18 & 25

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



"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 Clyde Carnegie, Bother of Tom Carnegie, who passed from death to life on May 11, 2023.

"Eternal rest grant unto her, Oh Lord, may she rest in peace."

Baccalaureate Mass June 4, 2023 at 9 am Mass

We as a parish are proud of your accomplishments over the years and would love to hear your plans for the future. Please write a short biography to be printed in the bulletin. Tell us about your family, your interest, accomplishments and future plans. Please enclose a wallet size photo with a light background. Deadline is May 31.

Volunteer Information Meeting – St. Gianna Baby Pantry, Grand Rapids

Join Catholic Charities West Michigan for a volunteer information meeting on Monday, May 22 at 6 p.m. This meeting is for anyone interested in learning more about getting involved at CCWM's newly located Grand Rapids St. Gianna Baby and Toddler Pantry.

Light refreshments will be provided.

For meeting location and to register to attend, contact Davina at dbryan@ccwestmi.org.

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, Manuel and Betty Rodriguez, Lisa Nelson, all those who have asked for prayers, & the sick.



If you would like to add a name, please call the office. Be sure you have the consent of the person of a family member.

Grief Support Group will meet on **June 1** (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

Two men to be ordained for the Diocese of Grand Rapids



We invite you to celebrate with us as Deacon Christopher Epplert and Deacon Jacob Zemaitis are ordained priests for the Diocese of Grand Rapids on Saturday, June 3 at 10 a.m.

You are welcome to attend the ordination Mass in person at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew or join the livestream on the diocesan website (GRdiocese.org) or Facebook page (Diocese of Grand Rapids).

Please pray for Deacon Epplert and Deacon Zemaitis as they prepare for ordination and begin their priestly ministry in the diocese.

INTO THE MYSTERY

Saturday, June 10 | 9:30 – 5:30 p.m. | Aquinas College

Join Catholics from across the diocese for Into The Mystery, a mini-Eucharistic Congress at Aquinas College on Saturday, June 10!

The morning will feature a keynote address from Fr. Jonathan Kelly, an experienced spiritual director and rector of St. John Vianney seminary in Minnesota. In the afternoon we will hear from Meg Hunter-Kilmer, who travels the world telling people about the fierce and tender love of God.

The day will also include Mass with Bishop Walkowiak, a public Eucharistic procession, ministry fair, Eucharistic miracles exhibit, and more!

To learn more, visit grdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival.

OUR PARISH OFFERING – May 13/14, 2023

Adults	\$ 2,326.00
Loose:	\$ 228.00
Total receipts:	\$ 2,554.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,650.00
Overage/Shortage:	\$ (1,096.00)

July 1, 2022 – May 14, 2023 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 172,232.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 167,900.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ 4332.00

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 May 28 – Janice Fyan & Mike Hickey
Next Finance Meeting- June 5 at 6:30pm**



Next Meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 13, 2023** at 7pm.

CSA 2023

Thank you for your gifts to 2023 Catholic Services Appeal! Your generous support funds essential diocesan ministries that strengthen us in Christ.

Please keep in mind that any amount raised over our goal is returned 100% to the parish.

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

Lakewood Lions Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q

Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q will take place on Sunday June 4, 2023 from 3:00 to 5:30 pm at the Lake Odessa Beach Pavilion. This is a take-out Only with drive- up service on Virginia Street.

Tickets purchased by June 3 will be \$13- adults & \$8 - children.

Tickets purchased on June 4 will be \$14 – adults & \$8 – children.

Tickets can be purchased at Walker's Pharmacy, Lake Odessa Pharmacy, Jordan Lake Floral, Viking Chiropractic or from any Lions Member. Proceeds to Lions Club Projects.

Why Do Catholic Celebrate the Ascension? – Growing in Faith™

Jesus' Ascension into heavenly glory is good news. Sacred Scripture explains that in the Ascension, Jesu, the High Priest, entered the heavenly temple to pray for us with the Father (Hebrews 9:24).

Secondly, from his throne in heaven, Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit, who keeps us connected to Him, especially in the Eucharist.

Lastly since Christ entered into eternal glory, we as the members o His Body, the Church, may hope to follow if we remain faithful to Him.