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Pray for
the Unborn

Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

THE TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

September 3, 2023
Saint Edward Church
531 Jordan Lake St.
Lake Odessa, MI 48849

Pastor: Father Tom Brown
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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
8 AM-2 PM

Closed Tuesdays & Fridays

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

Katherine Martin, Secretary 616-374-7253

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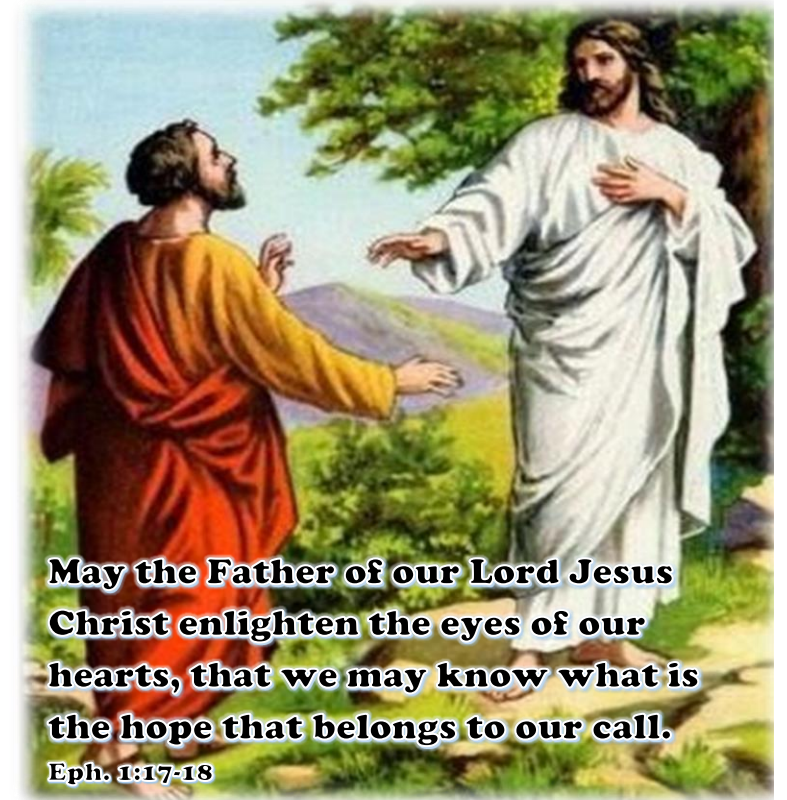
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Pastoral Council:

Financial Council: Andrew Snider,
Jerry Tomandl, Allen Hamp, Joe Coates,
Chris Vinton, Mary Gillette & Marty Kretovic

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.



03 Sunday: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27

04 Monday: Weekday
1 Thes 4:13-18 Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13 Lk 4:16-30

05 Tuesday: Weekday
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 4:31-37

06 Wednesday: Weekday
Col 1:1-8 Ps 52:10-11 Lk 4:38-44

07 Thursday: Weekday
Col 1:9-14 Ps 98:2-6 Lk 5:1-11

08 Friday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a Ps 13:6abc Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

09 Saturday: Saint Peter Claver, Priest
Col 1:21-23 Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8 Lk 6:1-5

10 Sunday: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 8-10 Mt 18:15-20

Last week we had that wonderful passage where St. Peter declares Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of the living God. It was a wonderful scripture. One that can make us feel proud of Peter having listened to God and correctly identifying Jesus. But as Jesus continues with identifying Himself as one who would suffer greatly and would be killed as their Savior, Peter and the rest of the Apostles get more and more troubled. This does not sound like the savior they had been waiting for and indeed not the image of the one they thought they were following. Finally, Peter can take it no longer and he pulls our Lord aside and begins to rebuke Him! “No Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you!” Jesus not only rejects these thoughts, but does so powerfully, “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does but as human beings do!” I imagine Peter is utterly shocked and crushed. He had been speaking out of his great love for Jesus but our Lord is firm. “Whoever wishes to come after Me must take up his cross, and follow Me.”

Peter had spoken out of a pure materialistic view point. No one wants a cross. The idea that it is in some way good and a means of salvation sounds very strange. Looking at it in purely worldly term leaves us not wanting the pain and suffering, or indeed anything that requires such effort. Yet, deep inside we are uncomfortable for we know there is truth there.

It reminds me of weddings. So often, during the homily, I tell the bride and groom that there will come a time when disagreement will strike them. Indeed, it may even get to the point when the groom is sitting at the table, looking at his wife and thinking, “Why did I ever marry her!” And the bride will be looking for something to smack some sense into his head! They will look at me with shock but the older and wiser married couples smile and nod their heads yes. It happens to all couples and there will be times requiring sacrifice. One or the other will have to give up something good, maybe even great that they want for the sake of their spouse. The same is also true with married couples giving up things they really want for the sake of the children. This is where our faith kicks in and helps us.

Faith enables us to see and realize that without sacrifice we encounter no true love, no genuine joy, no lasting purification, and especially no possession of God. The path to holiness passes through the cross. Jesus knows this. The cross is a key part of this living Book we call the Bible. It teaches us who we are and how we need to behave. We learn who Jesus is, the greatness of his love for us, and how we are to follow Him. Anyone who looks for God without sacrifice, without the cross will never find Him.

Nowadays, there are far too many people who are not on the side of God but of society. They have their gaze fixed on things here and chase after them as if it is all that matters. Mankind is suffering from a wave of materialism that is filling everything. Let us once more listen to our prayers and our Masses inviting us to take up our cross as a necessary condition to following Jesus. Our Lord makes use of pain, voluntary sacrifice, poverty or sickness which far from separating us from God, will unite us more closely with Him. If we go to Jesus here in our tabernacles and offer to Him everything, we find hard and difficult, we discover that it is only through Christ and in Christ, that His light is shown on the riddle of suffering and death. This is the only way to lose fear of suffering that will accompany us throughout our lives. Discover God’s great will: The great Christian revolution has been to convert pain into fruitful suffering and so turn a bad thing into something good. We will have deprived Satan of his weapon.

We see this is true time after time looking at the lives of great saints from Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa to Saint Faustina Kowalski to the Little Flower, Saint Therese of Lisieux and back through the ages to so many others. Let us seek God in a love rooted in generosity and sacrifice which will enable us to obtain eternal destiny in heaven.

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, September 3, 9:45 am
St. Edward Parish
Monday, September 4, 9:00 am – Office will be Closed today
For the Sanctification of Human Labor
8:00 -8:45 am – Confession
Tuesday, September 5, 9:00 am – Office will be Open today
+ Jill VanDeVelde

Wednesday, September 6, 9:00 am
Priest
Thursday, September 7, 12:10 pm
Tom McCormick by Marsha Stadel
Friday, September 8, 9:00 am
+Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family

Saturday, September 9, 6:00 pm
For the Poor
Lector: Rosann S.
EMHC: Yvonne M. & Pat S.
Sunday, September 10, 9:45 am
St. Edward Church
Lector: Anne A.
EMHC: Janice F., Mary H., & Cindy G.
Greeters: Adams

Request a Mass Intention

Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass please contact the parish office. Intention may be for the living or deceased and provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of anniversaries, birthdays, and other special intentions.



Parish Picnic
September 17, 2023
1:00 pm
Family Center
Family Fun, Fellowship and Food



Adoration
Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 pm in the Church.
September 7, 14, & 21
Adoration sign-up sheets are located at the entrances of the Church.

Training required for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, all extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are expected to be trained in updated diocesan norms for ministry. The nearest training session will be offered at Sts. Peter & Paul on September 14 at 6:30pm. A full schedule of trainings is available on the webpage of the diocesan Office for Worship <https://grdiocese.org/ministries/worship-3/>. Please register for the session you plan to attend.

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, those who have asked for prayers, & those effected by natural disasters.



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

Grief Support Group will meet on **September 14** (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**

St. Edward Preschool is accepting applications for the 23-24 school year. This program has been around for 20 plus years offering hands on mathematics, beginning phonics, creative express, social skills and much more in a faith filled learning environment.

If you are interested in learning more contact Fredia at 616-374-7253 or Fredia@wowway.biz.

Faith Formation News: Faith Formation Schedule will begin September 10 from 11am to 12:15pm.

At St Edward our faith formation classes are designed to support and nurture the faith life of each family. We believe parents are the first and foremost educators of their children and our Catechist are here to support and help nurture their Catholic Faith. To enroll your child (K-12), please fill out a registration form located in the entrances of the church. Please return it to the parish office or by placing it into the Faith Formation mailbox in vestibule of the south entrance of the church.

St. Edward’s Preschool is in need of classroom supplies. If you would like to donate any item that is list below would be greatly appreciated and helps keep our expenses down. You may leave the items at the preschool or parish office. Any question call 616-374-7253. Thank You for all your support.

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| Clorox Anywhere Spray | Mr. Clean Magic Erasers |
| Lysol disinfectant Spray | Wet Wipes |
| Washable Paint- Black, Brown | Liquid Glue |
| Construction Paper – Normal and Large (12x 18) | White, Light Blue, Blue and Black |
| Painters Tape | Paper Punch for kids |
| Orange Crepe Paper | Green Pipe Cleaners |
| Small Paper Snack Plates (6”) | Paper Cups – Small |
| Plastic Spoons | Napkins |
| Play Dough Toys | Duck Tape |
| Scotch Tape | Wide Clear Packing Tape |
| Card Stock all colors | Avery Clear Labels 1x4 |

- Laurie Berkner CDs for Kids- Music
- Multicultural Children’s Books
- Multicultural Dolls and Accessories
- Multicultural Barbies/ Community Helpers and Accessories
- White Printer Paper
- 3-Swingline Brand Heavy Duty Staplers
- 3- Adult Scissors (1 Left-Handed and 2 Right-Handed)

THANK YOU from the Preschool Staff.

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Aug 26/27, 2023

Adults	\$ 2,615.00
Loose:	\$ 296.00
Total receipts:	\$ 2,911.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
Overage/Shortage:	\$ (1,039.00)

July 1, 2023 – Aug 27, 2023 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 32,198.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 35,550.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ (3,352.00)

*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 September 10: Greg Zuver & Mike Hickey
Next Finance Meeting- October 23**



Next Meeting will be on
Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7pm.

New Officers will be in installed after September 12 meeting.

Can Drive is going on!!

The Knights can drive is here. Look for the trailer in the south parking lot by the Family Center. They are collecting aluminum cans, **returnable** plastic & glass bottles. If the trailer is not open, place cans in one of the trash cans at the rear of the trailer. Thanks for your support.

R.C.I.A resumes on September 6 at 753 5th Avenue.

R.C.I.A. is for: Baptized adults who haven’t received all the Sacraments, spouses of Catholics who would like to enter the Church and any adult who wants to learn about Catholicism and all it offers. We meet from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in an informal atmosphere. Below is the schedule to Christmas, after which we will continue with the balance of the curriculum.

Please call with questions 616-374-8340.

- 09-06 Intro. to the class and facilitator introductions
- 09-13 God and Creation Jerry
- 09-20 Divine Revelation Andrew
- 09-27 Trinity and the Incarnation Andrew
- 10-04 Scripture and Tradition Gary
- 10-11 Church and the 4 marks of the Church
- 10-18 Commandments 1-3 Jerry
- 10-25 Commandments 4-5-6 Anne
- 11-08 Commandments 7-8-9-10 Alan
- 11-15 Prayer Gary
- 11-29 The Creed Alan
- 12-06 The Mass Bishop Barron
- 12-13 The Mass Bishop Barron
- 12-20 The Mass Bishop Baron