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Pray for
the Unborn

Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 17, 2023
Saint Edward Church
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Lake Odessa, MI 48849

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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

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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.



17 Sunday: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 27:30—28:7 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

18 Monday: Weekday
1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7-9 Lk 7:1-10

19 Tuesday: Weekday: Saint Januarius, Bishop, Martyr
1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps01:1-3, 5-6 Lk 7:11-17

20 Wednesday: Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and companions, Martyrs
1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 7:31-35

21 Thursday: Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

22 Friday: Weekday
1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-10, 17-20 Lk 8:1-3

23 Saturday: Saints Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1-5 Lk 8:4-15

24 Sunday: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
Mt 20:1-16a

Frequently we run into someone, an old friend or acquiesce, and they ask us to pray for them or for a family member. We assure them we will, but do we? We certainly meant to but a little later we have forgotten about it. Let us take a lesson from Jesus in the gospels. We read in Luke that Christ went up to the hills to pray. Sometimes He prayed all night! In other places Jesus was out praying when the apostles came looking for Him and found Him deep in prayer. Jesus was often deep in prayer, united with His heavenly Father in intimate and confident prayer. That Jesus Christ who is perfect God and perfect man, should pray for us gives us an example of prayer that is humble, confident and persevering. He commanded us to pray always, without losing heart.

Jesus made His prayer to God His Father in intimate and confident prayer. God always heard Him. We see this over and over. After the death of Lazarus, his sister Martha said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died; and even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Just before Jesus raised him from the dead, He said to God, "Father, I thank you because you have heard Me. I know that you always hear Me but because of the crowd here I have said this that they may believe.

Before His passion Jesus prayed for Peter, "Simon, Simon, Satan demanded to have you that he may sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail, and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren." Peter did indeed fall but he repented, turned back and prayer for the others. Likewise, Jesus prayed for all the Apostles and for us at the Last Supper, "I do not pray that you should take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from the evil one." Jesus knows so well the discouragement we will have but had confidence in the power of his prayers. His prayers gave strength to the Apostles even to the point of giving up their lives. Jesus also prays for us. He loves us and prays for us even now, to this very day to remain faithful and confident in his love.

Let us strive to do better. We know that Jesus, seated at the right hand of his Father in heaven, continues to pray for us. He remains always as our advocate and mediator. He pleads for us to his Father and that his prayer cannot be refused. What a joy to know that Jesu prays for us!!! This is so that our prayers, weak and distracted though they are, will be joined with his prayers and with them gain infinite value. Infinite value! How can we not then pray with confidence to our Lord?

Let us then prayer with renewed fever. Let us ask Jesus to inspire us that our prayers, springing from our hearts may be one with his for all eternity. And there is more. Let us also take our prayers to our Blessed Mother Mary and other saints in heaven. Then united with them they are given to Jesus and then passed on to the Father. And even when we don't think our prayers are being heard, St. John of the Cross taught that "a little of this pure love is more precious before God and does great good for the Church." It does more good than any and all other works that are without Christ. St. John Vianney said that all the evils that oppress us on earth come from not praying or from not praying well. Let us then renew our desire to turn to God with love and trust. Let us have the joy of living our life close to God. It is the only place where it is worth our while to live.

May God richly bless you!

Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, September 17, 9:45 am- Parish Picnic

Catechist

Monday, September 18, 9:00 am

For the Sick

8:00 -8:45 am – Confession

Tuesday, September 19, 9:00 am

All Priest

Wednesday, September 20, 9:00 am

+ Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family

Thursday, September 21, 12:10 pm

+ Gil Cron By Chris & Darla Vinton

Friday, September 22, 9:00 am

+Jill VanDeVelde

Saturday, September 23, 6:00 pm

+ Herb Cusack by Mary Endres

Lector: Greg H.

EMHC: Yvonne M. & Carolyn M.

Sunday, September 24, 9:45 am

St. Edward Parish

Lector: Alan B,

EMHC: Cindy G., Mary H., & Carole H.

Parish Picnic

September 17, 2023

1:00 pm

Family Center

Family Fun, Fellowship and Food

Knights will provide Pork Chops, Hot dogs, Ice Tea,

Lemonade or Punch.

There will be a Ping Pong table set up.

Please think of a dish to bring and share.



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.



NO ADORATION ON SEPTEMBER 28

ANOINTING MASS, ST. EDWARD'S HALL

Tuesday Oct 10th at 4:00pm followed by a soup supper

The anointing of the sick is available to anyone with any physical or emotional illness, and to the elderly. All are welcome and encouraged to come.

"Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven". (James 5:13-15)



Please join us on September 19 after 9 am Mass for Coffee & Doughnuts in the Church basement. This is an opportunity to say "Farewell to Father Oscar." His assignment here ends on September 30, 2023.

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.

Faith Formation News:

Every Sunday 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.

R.C.I.A.

We meet from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in an informal atmosphere at 753 5th Avenue, Lake Odessa. Below is the schedule for September.

Please call with questions 616-374-8340.

09-06 Introduction to the class & Facilitator

09-13 God and Creation Jerry

09-20 Divine Revelation Andrew

09-27 Trinity and the Incarnation Andrew

2023 Gallagher Talk Thursday, Sept. 28 | 7-8:30 p.m.

Featuring author & film-maker Gerard Straub

From filming the poor to living with the poor, author and filmmaker Gerard Straub discovered a wisdom that can only be learned by living the Gospel in a radical way. His life is a journey from the glamour of Hollywood to a slum in Port-au-Prince where today Gerry operates a home of hope and healing for 60 abandoned kids. During the past 8 years, Gerry has turned the early morning hours into the time of attending to his own inner spiritual poverty. The fruit of living in a busy orphanage and finding the lonely hours of silence are the spiritual lessons that are a prophetic message for our time.

Register at catholicinformationcenter.org

Diocesan Assembly 2023: Share your Encounter

Catholics of the diocese are invited to participate in Diocesan Assembly 2023: Share your Encounter from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30 at Cathedral Square Center. This year's keynote speaker will be Father René Constanza, CSP, president of the Paulist Fathers and former rector/pastor of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew and executive director of the Catholic Information Center.

The conference will be offered in-person and online. The in-person and livestreamed sessions will be presented concurrently in English and Spanish. Cost of the in-person event is \$15 (includes lunch) Registration to attend via livestream is free.

For registration info: Contact Jen at jbxater@grdiocese.org

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Sept 9/10, 2023

Adults	\$ 2,825.00
Loose:	\$ 430.00
Total receipts:	\$ 3,255.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
Overage/Shortage:	\$ (695.00)

July 1, 2023 – Sept 10 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 38,714.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 43,450.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ (4,736.00)

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 24: Pat Drake & Larry Adams
Next Finance Meeting- October 23



Next Meeting will be on
Tuesday, October 10, 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.

National Migration Week 2023 – September 18-24

A Night of Prayer, Reflection and Action

Wednesday, Sept. 20

7 – 8:30 p.m.

Cathedral Square Center, 360 Division Ave. S., Grand Rapids

Join us for a special evening during National Migration Week to hear first-hand from individuals who have been forced to migrate and from Fr. Alejandro Solalinde, founder of "Hermanos en el camino," whose organization provides aid, food, and shelter to nearly 20,000 migrants a year as they flee their home country in search of a better life.

National Migration Week, Sept. 18-24, is an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the complex issues driving forced migration and to renew our commitment to building communities where people can live in safety and dignity. Please register for planning purposes: <https://forms.office.com/r/ht4aSNVM6g>

For more information: GRdiocese.org

St. Edward Family Center is in need of a Janitor. Are you looking for a part time job that has some flexibility and a rewarding connection to our church? Duties would include but not limited to cleaning floors, restrooms, hallways, classrooms, repairing and doing general maintenance throughout the building, shoveling the entry ways and setting up and tear down for events in the gym. You must be 18 or older and willing to work 12-15 hours a week. If you are interested, please contact Fredia or the Parish Office at 616 374-7253 for more information.