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<div><div><p>K of C</p></div><div><p>Council #14404 Chris Vinton, Grand Knight Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the Month.</p></div></div>	<div><div><p>VIKING CHIROPRACTIC</p></div><div><p>7857 Velte Rd Lake Odessa, MI 8849 Mon., Tues., &amp; Thurs., 8-12 &amp; 3- 7 Fri., &amp; Sat., 8-12 Phone (616) 374-7880</p></div></div>	<div><p>Pray for the Unborn</p></div>

# Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

## THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Open our hearts,  
O Lord,  
to listen to the  
words of your Son.

Cf. Acts 16:14b

**September 24, 2023**  
Saint Edward Church  
531 Jordan Lake St.  
Lake Odessa, MI 48849

**Pastor:** Father Tom Brown  
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**Associate Pastor:**  
Father Oscar Londoño, mxy

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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  
Dan Shields, Bookkeeper  
**DRE:** Fredia 616-374-7253 ext. 202  
**Hall Manager:** Fredia 616-374-7253 ext. 201  
**Prayer Chain:** Gayle Peacock 616-374-8274

**Pastoral Council:** Kathy Carnegie, Colleen King and Fredia Wernette

**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.

**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

**25 Monday: Weekday**  
Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1-6 Lk 8:16-18

**26 Tuesday: Weekday, Saints Comas & Damian, Martyrs**  
Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 8:19-21

**27 Wednesday: Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**  
Ezr 9:5-9 (Ps) Tb 13:2, 3-4, 7-8 Lk 9:1-6

**28 Thursday: Weekday: Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs**  
Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1-6, 9 Lk 9:7-9

**29 Friday: Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels**  
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51

**30 Saturday: Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor or the Church**  
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a (Ps) Jer 31: 10-13 Lk 9:43b-45

**01 Sunday: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-9 Phil 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-32



Reflection by Father Oscar

Luke 6:12-19

“Jesus departed to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God. When day came, he called his disciples to himself, and from them he chose Twelve, whom he also named Apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called a Zealot, and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

And he came down with them and stood on a stretch of level ground. A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and even those who were tormented by unclean spirits were cured. Everyone in the crowd sought to touch him because power came forth from him and healed them all.”

This Gospel passage allows us to follow the apostolic journey of Jesus. I would like to highlight 2 topics among many:


1. The prayer of Jesus: What was his prayer like? types of prayer? or why did he pray?  
Let me say that Jesus prayed to maintain a permanent connection with his Father. Only in this union, he found the reason to give meaning to his life. Jesus' prayer was permanent, and at times it was nocturnal and prolonged, that it could last until dawn. The form of his prayer may have been marked by the Jewish style of prayer. Psalms, songs, reading, and listening to God's presence and love. Biblical meditation too is the basis of all prayer.

2. Among the twelve names in Luke’s gospel, we find a bit of everything. Let me explain to it, Jesus did not choose saints and nobles. His gaze fell on simple fishermen, blood brothers, a corrupt tax collector, and even an armed man like Simon, the Zealot. He also chose an ambitious man with political interests like Judas Iscariot. He educated and formed them for the mercy of his Father's Kingdom. The end result was not an ideal outcome. Our patron, Peter denied Him, others left Him at the crucial times and, worst was Judas' betrayal. It is worst of the worst! What was surprising in spite of this, Jesus sent them after his resurrection to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God to all the nations. Let us say again, in spite of our weaknesses it is Jesus' Spirit who guides us on our mission.

Today, I invite you to add your name on this disciples’ list, which is always open. In silence, let us thank the Lord for having written our names in the Book of Life.

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, September 24, 9:45 am  
St. Edward Parish  
Monday, September 25, 9:00 am  
+ Jill VanDeVelde  
**8:00 -8:45 am – Confession**  
Tuesday, September 26, 9:00 am  
For our Priest  
Wednesday, September 27, 9:00 am  
For the Poor  
Thursday, September 28, 12:10 pm- NO Confession  
For Martyrs  
Friday, September 29, 9:00 am  
Unborn Children  
Saturday, September 30, 6:00 pm  
+ Ernie & Estelle Cusack by Mary Endres  
Lector: Kathy S.  
EMHC: Mary S. & Bill S.  
Sunday, September 24, 9:45 am  
St. Edward Parish  
Lector: Anne A.  
EMHC: Lynn F., Mary H., & Janice G.



**Adoration**

Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 pm in the Church.  
September 7, 14, & 21

**NO ADORATION ON SEPTEMBER 28**

**Adorers are needed for:**

1st & 2nd Thursday: 7-8pm, and 3rd Thursday: 6-7pm  
You choose which Thursday fits your schedule.

Please call, email, or text the Adoration Coordinator Suzanne King 269-271-6406 or [elberlsm@gmail.com](mailto:elberlsm@gmail.com) with questions to sign up, and/or interest in subbing.

ANOINTING MASS, ST. EDWARD'S HALL

Tuesday October 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)

**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.

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 **October 5**(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 K- 12 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.

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](http://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 [jbaxter@grdiocese.org](mailto:jbaxter@grdiocese.org)

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Sept 9/10, 2023


Adults	\$ 2,825.00
Loose:	\$ 430.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 3,255.00</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
<b>Overage/Shortage:</b>	<b>\$ (695.00)</b>
<b>July 1, 2023 – Sept 10 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections</b>	
Year-to-Date:	\$ 38,714.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 43,450.00
<b>Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>\$ (4,736.00)</b>

*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 October 1: Betsy Weiland & Mike Hicky**  
**Next Finance Meeting- October 23**



Next Meeting will be on

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7pm.**

**2023 – 2024 Knights of Columbus essay contest**

**“How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?”**

**Open to Catholic Students grades 8-12**

**Essay should be 500-750 words**

**Email your essay to: [GK14404@mikofc.org](mailto:GK14404@mikofc.org) by 12/1/23**

Pray for our Priests

Every fall the priests of the diocese attend a retreat together. Let us gather as a Catholic community during this time to pray for our shepherds. On Tuesday, Sept. 26th from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., the following parishes in the diocese will be open for prayer. A rosary will be led at 6:30 p.m. with time for silent prayer to follow.

Here in Ionia County St. John the Baptist, Hubbardston & St. Joseph, Belding.

For a completer list go to: <https://grdiocese.org/pray-in-parishes-for-our-priests-on-convocation/>

Venerate the relic of St. Jude at its ONLY Grand Rapids stop.

The arm of St. Jude the Apostle is currently on pilgrimage around the United States – the first time it has left Italy. The faithful of the Diocese of Grand Rapids will have an opportunity to venerate and pray with the relic at its West Michigan stop:

**Date:** Oct. 9  
**Location:** Sacred Heart Catholic Church,  
151 Garfield Ave. SW,  
Grand Rapids, 49504

**Time:** Veneration Begins: 1 p.m.  
Mass in honor of Saint Jude: 7 p.m.  
Veneration Ends: 10 p.m.

To see the full pilgrimage schedule, including a handful of stops in the Diocese of Lansing: <https://apostleoftheimpossible.com/tour-schedule/>