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# Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

## THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 29, 2023  
 Saint Edward Church  
 531 Jordan Lake St.  
 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

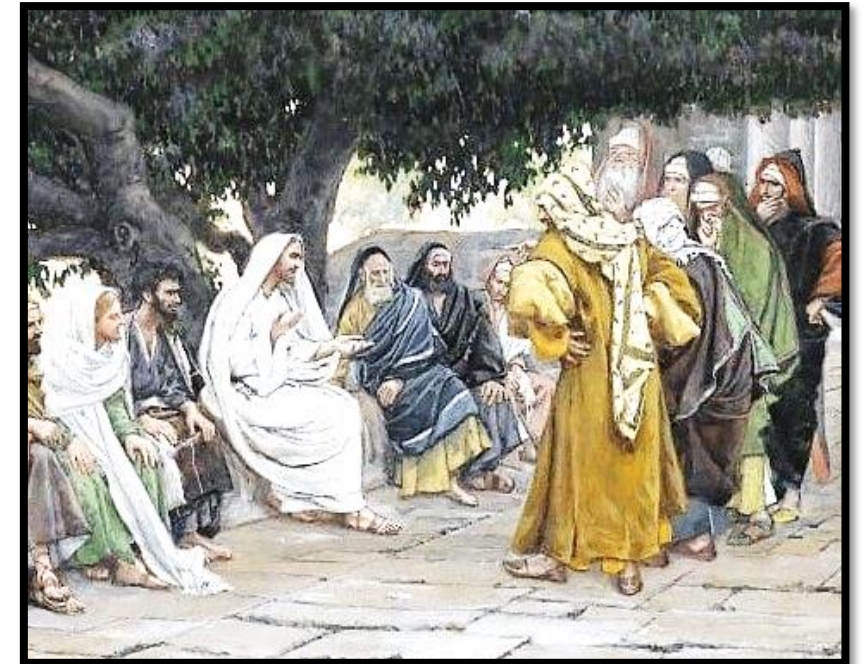
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### MISSION STATEMENT

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.



### 29 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22: 20-26 Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 1 Thes 1:5c-10 Mt 22:34-40

### 30 Monday: Weekday

Rom 8:12-17 Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7, 20-21 Lk 13:10-17

### 31 Tuesday: Weekday

Rom 8:18-25 Ps 126:1-6 Lk 13:18-21

### 01 Wednesday: All Saints Day

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1bc-4b, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

### 02 Thursday: The commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)

Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5-11

### 03 Friday: Weekday: Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

Rom 9:1-5 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Lk 14:1-6

### 04 Saturday: Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18  
 Lk 14:1, 7-11

### 05 Sunday: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10 Ps 131:1-3 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13  
 Mt 23:1-12

Suppose you loan a person \$1000. Then the person came and said, "I can't pay you back." How would you feel? At the very least you may say, "I'll never loan you any more money." At worst, you would demand payment. Either way, it had a poor influence on your relationship. Transfer this to the spiritual realm and you have what we as Catholics call indulgences. Almost. The difference is that we receive payment in an indulgence not that we forgive unpaid debt. The payment comes from the Church which has received the authority from Jesus to write off the debt. "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven and whose sins you retain are retained," Jesus told his apostles.

This concept of indulgences is indeed found in the Bible. Remember Moses and the giving of the Ten Commandments? Remember how while Moses was with the Lord how God's wrath against the Israelites arose? God intended to destroy them for their sin but Moses prayed, "Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and how you swore to them by your own self, saying, 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky...'" So, the Lord relented in the punishment he had threatened. This is an indulgence won by the faithfulness of Abraham and applied to the sinful Israelites. Likewise, Solomon was pardoned because of the faithfulness of his departed father David.

These and other examples always point the way to the Church and especially at this time of the year. On November 1<sup>st</sup> we celebrate All Saints rejoicing in those who have gained entrance into heaven. On November 2<sup>nd</sup> we pray for those who are still in the process of being purified so they too will be able to enter heaven. All in heaven are the people who were pardoned by God our Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit with Mary and all the saints. We live in a family, a community of God in the church. That's true in the natural order of life. It is also true in the supernatural order of life. The saints bear our burdens and we too must 'bear one another's burdens.' St. Paul understood this and he said "...in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, the Church." Some Christians will object insisting what Jesus Christ won was once and for all. It is true that Jesus pronounced "It is finished." Jesus indeed won for us the perfect work of our redemption. But at the same time, it was just a beginning because at that moment Christ gave out to us, through the Holy Spirit a share in his own life, death and resurrection. He transferred to us all that he had won. So, at the end of his earthy ministry, he said "it is finished", and transferred his redemptive work to the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit applies it to the saints and to all of us what Christ won through his life, death and resurrection. We see the Church exercising the authority Moses exercised at Mt. Sinai: the right and the duty to call on the merits of the saints. The Church has distributed these merits by attaching them to prayers, works and sacrifices that build up Christ's body. They range from giving up smoking for a day to undertaking a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and to a whole range of other activities.

When the Church speaks of indulgences, she speaks of them in the context of 'enjoying the full benefits of the family'. So let us indulge ourselves. We pray for ourselves and for those who have died and are in purgatory. We are free to do so because of God. God is just, merciful and indulgent. He is our Father. And He has arranged everything, even the supernatural as a family affair. His family. His life. May God bless you!

Fr. Tom

**MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS**

**Sunday, October 29, 9:45 am**

St Edward Parish

**Monday, October 30, 9:00 am**

Tim Martin By Family

**Tuesday, October 31, 9:00 am**

+ Evan Goble by the Kane Family

**Wednesday, November 01, 10:00 am (All Saints' Day)**

+ Jill VanDeVelde By Pat Hoisington

**Wednesday, November 01, 7:00 pm (All Saints, Day)**

Saint Edward Parish

**Thursday, November 02, 12:10 pm (All Soul's Day)**

+ Evan Goble By Grief Support Group

**Friday, November 03, 9:00 am**

+ Jim & Rosemary Melluish by Marsha Stadel

**Saturday, November 04, 6:00 pm**

St. Edward Parish

Lector:

EMHC:

**Sunday, November 05, 9:45 am**

+ Dan & Gert Arnes

Lector:

EMHC:

**Adoration**

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



**Adorers are needed for:**

- 1st Thursday: 7-8 pm (1 Person)
- 2nd Thursday: 7-8pm (2 People)
- 4th Thursday: 6-7pm (2 People)

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.

**Manshum Family**

The Roger & Dee Manshum family is being recognized as October family of the month. Dee was baptized in Brooklyn, New York before her family moved to the area. Roger & Dee were married in 1960, but Roger wasn't baptized until after their son Jason asked why 'Dad stayed home while the rest of the family went to church.' Both Roger and Dee served the church in many roles over the years. Dee volunteered to help with community outreach efforts and spent many years acting as the Director of Religious Education. Roger put his talents to work supporting building maintenance, especially the construction of the Family Center. Over the years, Roger and Dee have observed value in each parishioner's contribution to the work of the parish, and a calling for the parish to support the needs of the Lake Odessa community beyond. In the building of the Family Center, they observed great work achieved by the blending of parish talents and efforts, how the community-at-large supported and appreciated the parish's work.

We invite you to meet or congratulate Roger & Dee Manshum after mass over coffee and cookies in the Family Center.

"For God did not us spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power if love and self-discipline" 2 Timothy 1:7

**Please Pray for:**

Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong, Manuel and Betty Rodriguez, 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 **November 2** (the first Thursday) at 1 PM in the family center library. If you would like information call Marsha @269-367-4403.

**The Memory Tree** will be in the back of the church for the month of November. Each ball on the tree has the name of one of our deceased loved ones on it. If you have requested one in past years it will already be on the tree. If you have a new request for a deceased loved one, please write the name on the pad of paper next to the tree, and one will be made for you.

If you would like to put a small picture of a loved one who has died in the front of the altar for the month of November, you may do this on or after November 2nd, which is the feast of All Souls.

**St. Edwards Preschool Christmas Wreath Sale**

\$25.00 each and ready for pick up on November 15th – 19th  
Orders due by Oct 31, 2023

We will be offering fresh evergreens and a red ribbon. They are perfect for your front door and any holiday decorating. They are great for putting on stands for grave sites. Sign-up sheets located by each church entrance or Contact 374-7253 X4 from more info. Thank you for your support to our Preschool!

**K- 12 Faith Formation Classes- Sunday 11am**

Classes are held in the Preschool class rooms.



November class dates are on 5, 12, & 19

No classes on **October 29 & November 26.**

First Communion Parents Meeting will November 5 at 11 am.

**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.

Please call with questions 616-374-8340.

11-08 Commandments 7-8-9-10 Alan

11-15 Prayer Gary

11-29 The Creed Alan

12-06 The Mass Bishop Baron

12-13 The Mass Bishop Baron

12-20 The Mass Bishop Baron



**Men of the Eucharist:**

Strengthened in Christ – Responding with Joy

Pray for Seminarian:  
Alex Paiz  
Mundelein Seminary  
1000 E. Maple Ave  
Mundelein, IL 60060



Lord Jesus, I ask your special blessing on all young men preparing for the priesthood in our seminaries. I pray that they will grow in faith, hope, and charity. May their hearts overflow with your compassion, understanding, and generosity, and may their desire to serve you inspire others to answer your call. Amen.

**OUR PARISH OFFERING – Oct 22, 2023**

Adults	\$ 4,055.00
Loose:	\$ 142.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 4,197.00</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
<b>Overage/Shortage:</b>	<b>\$ 247.00</b>

**July 1, 2023 – Oct 22, 2023 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections**

Year-to-Date:	\$ 61,093.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 67,150.00
<b>Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>\$ (6,057.00)</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.

**Counter November 05: Janice Fyan & Bill Sutton**  
**Next Finance Meeting- January 22, 6:30 pm**



Next Meeting will be on  
**Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7pm.**

The Knights are sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Open to all kids grades K – 8. Poster are due in 12/1/23 to any Knight. (or you can they drop them off at the Church office). Surprise prizes to be awarded!

Knights are also sponsoring an Essay contest for all Catholic student grades 8-12. The theme is "How can the Church evangelizing in a digital age?" Essay should be 500-750 words  
Email your essay to: [GK14404@mikofc.org](mailto:GK14404@mikofc.org) by 12/1/23. Prizes for each grade: \$150, \$100 and \$50.

**Church grounds clean up date is Saturday 11/4 at 8 am.**

**Sidewalk Snow removal Sign-up**

Winter is fast approaching. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the Church. We are hoping for cover all week-ends from November 4 -April 14.

**MASS FOR GOD'S CHILDREN**

The Diocese of Grand Rapids invites parents who have experienced the loss of a child before baptism to a **Mass for God's Children** on Thursday, Nov. 2, 7 p.m. at Cathedral of Saint Andrew, 301 Sheldon SE, Grand Rapids.

If you would like to reserve a memorial rose and have your child(ren) remembered on a naming card, please contact Jennifer Baxter before Oct. 26 by calling 616-288-0908 or email: [jbaxter@rmdiocese.org](mailto:jbaxter@rmdiocese.org).

All are welcome to attend including parents, grandparents, siblings, relatives, and friends. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Jim Wyse, pastor of St. Joseph-St. Mary Parish, Belding and St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Greenville.