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Pray for  
the Unborn

# Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**December 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

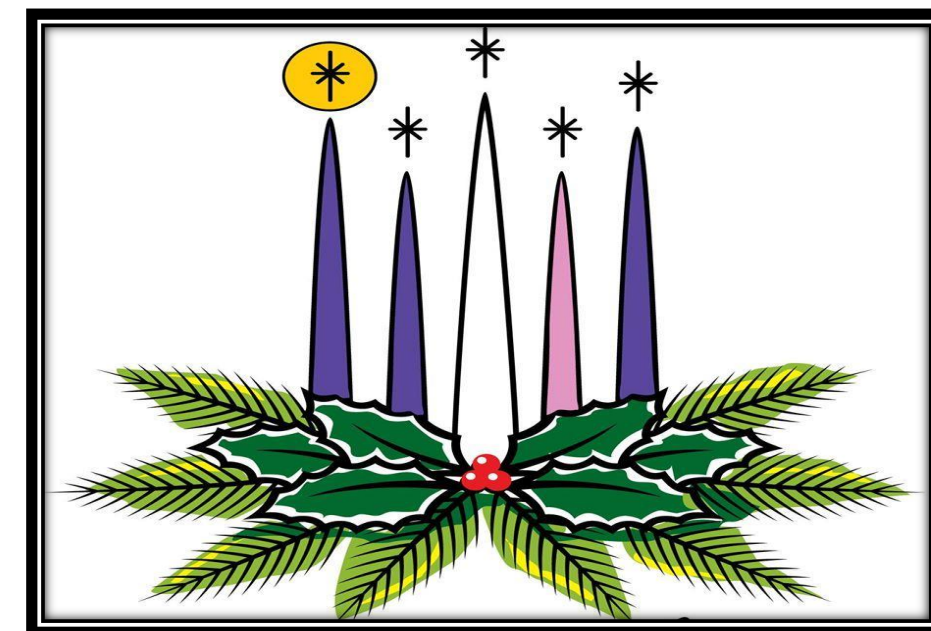
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Chris Vinton, Mary Gillette & Marty Kretovic

### 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: First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 9b; 64:2-7 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,18-19 1Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37

### 04 Monday: Advent Weekday: Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11

### 05 Tuesday: Advent Weekday

Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

### 06 Wednesday: Advent Weekday; Saint Nicholas, Bishop

Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37

### 07 Thursday: Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Is 26-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27

### 08 Friday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

### 09 Saturday: Advent Weekday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

### 10 Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mt 1:1-18





**DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS**

*Office of the Bishop*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Women and men religious have ministered in parishes, schools, and organizations bringing the Gospel to life for decades. “Their voice has gone forth to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.” (Romans 10:18) We have certainly been blessed by the ministry of many religious orders here in the Diocese of Grand Rapids! They often served for little to no pay without retirement and eldercare needs of their aging members.

We are grateful for those who have given their lives to the Church. **Next weekend, Dec. 9-10, we have an opportunity to show our appreciation for their witness and ministry by donating to the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection.**

Our diocese has always generously responded to this appeal – contributing \$209,100 last year. Your support had a local impact. The Consolata Missionary Sisters received \$59,979 made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. I am grateful for the support you have given to the important appeals taken up over the past few months and for what you may choose to give to this appeal. I know the men and women religious are thankful for your support. You can make your gift through your parish’s second collection next weekend.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak  
Bishop of Grand Rapids

**Midnight Mass and Concert**

The Prelude of Carols followed by Midnight Mass will be broadcast live from the Cathedral of Saint Andrew on FOX 17 and on the diocesan website, grdiocese.org, and Facebook page (Diocese of Grand Rapids) on Christmas Eve. The concert begins at 11 p.m. followed by Mass at midnight.

**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).

**MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS**

**Sunday, December 03, 9:45 am**

+ Tom Radamacher by The Family

**Monday, December 04, 9:00 am**

+ Jill VanDe Velde by Mr. & Mrs. Hybarger

**Tuesday, December 05, 9:00 am**

+ Evan Goble by Dee lamb

**Wednesday, December 06, 9:00 am**

+ Eliel Gomez by the Gomez Family

**Thursday, December 07, 12:10 pm**

+ Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family

**Friday, December 08, 10:00 am**

+ Saint Edward Parish

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+ Saint Edward Parish

**Saturday, December 09, 6:00 pm**

+ Evan Goble by Mr. & Mrs. Barrett

**Lector:** Rosann S.

**EMHC:** Yvonne M., & Carolyn M.

**Sunday, December 10, 9:45 am**

+ Tom Radamacher by The Family

**Lector:**

**EMHC:** Chris V., Cindy G., and Mary H.,

*The Immaculate  
Conception of  
the Blessed  
Virgin Mary*



**Adoration**

Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 pm in the Church.

December 14, 21, & 28

**Adorers Needed!!**

We need to fill these shifts with adorers! Please contact Suzanne King, and let her know if you wish to fill a regularly scheduled shift, ONE Thursday each month. The following shifts are in need of coverage:

1st Thursday: 7-8pm (1 person needed)

2nd Thursday: 7-8pm (2 people needed)

4th Thursday: 6-7pm (2 people needed)



**Extra reconciliation for Advent.**

Father Tom is offering reconciliation on December 10 from 3 pm to 5 pm.

**Have a peaceful, Merry Christmas! - Growing in Faith™**

Do you aim for an idyllic Christmas celebration complete with a warm fire, joyful music, and tinsel-covered tree? For many of us, Christmas comes at the end of weeks spent shopping, wrapping, and spending, and is wrought with family tensions, obligations, and exhaustion. Try these steps to keep your sanity and your Savior in your Christmas celebration:

**Be Realistic.** It isn't the goal of the season to make everyone happy. If you don't overspend and over extend before Christmas, you'll be in a better frame of mind when it arrives.

**Soothe the Beast.** Beautiful music can set a soothing tone for your celebration. Pick your favorite holy hymns to put yourself in the Christmas frame of mind.

**Reach Out.** Want to make your own problems seem small? Take on someone else's. Do at least one good Christmas deed for someone needy.

**Seek the Eternal.** Jesus gives us peace, purpose, and perspective. Spend time with Jesus each day of Advent and Christmas to remind yourself of what is most important about Christmas.

**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 **December 7** (the first Thursday) at 1 PM in the family center library. If you would like information call Marsha @269-367-4403.

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

Classes are held in the Preschool class rooms.

December 3, 10 & 17



**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.

12-06 The Mass Bishop Baron

12-13 The Mass Bishop Baron

12-20 The Mass Bishop Baron



“The Chosen” on the first Sunday of the month in the Family Center Library. We will be showing Episodes 5-6, this Sunday, December 5 at 2 pm in

Please RSVP by signing up on the flyers at the Church entrances or Calling 616-374-7253 x4.



**Advent Dinner**

St. Edward is hosting an Advent dinner on December 10. We gather at 1:00p.m. in the Family Center and all are welcome.

**Please R.S.V.P to 616-374-8340 by the 4th of December.**

**Men of the Eucharist:**

Strengthened in Christ – Responding with Joy

Pray for Seminarian:

Jeffery S. Davlin

University of St. Thomas

St. John Vianney Seminary

2115 Summit Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55105



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.

“Beautiful Eucharist” is a stunning collection of life-changing reflections about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and wonderfully present in our lives. You can pick up your copy of this book at the church entrances.

You can also pick up the 2024 calendar and Advent 2023 daily reflection blocks. Around mid- December I will be putting 2024 contribution envelopes in your mailboxes.

**OUR PARISH OFFERING – Nov 18-19, 2023**

Adults	\$ 3,188.00
Loose:	\$ 235.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 3,423.00</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
<b>Overage/Shortage:</b>	<b>\$ ( 527.00)</b>

**July 1, 2023 – Nov 26, 2023 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections**

Year-to-Date:	\$ 77,198.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 82,950.00
<b>Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>\$ (5,752.00)</b>

**OUR PARISH OFFERING – Nov 25-26, 2023**

Adults	\$ 2,211.00
Loose:	\$ 234.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 2,445.00</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
<b>Overage/Shortage:</b>	<b>\$ (1,505.00)</b>

**July 1, 2023 – Nov 26, 2023 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections**

Year-to-Date:	\$ 79,643.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 86,900.00
<b>Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>\$ (7,257.00)</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 December 10: Greg Zuver & Larry Adams**  
**Next Finance Meeting- January 22, 6:30 pm**



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

*Thank You*-The Knights would like to thank everyone for their support for the recycling program this year. The funds raised this year helped support many charities including: Coats for Kids, Right to Life, Ultrasounds, Holy Family Radio, Seminarians, Ukraine Relief, Manna's Market and more. This will be the final week for recycling (12/8/23).

**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.

**Gold Mass for Scientists and Engineers**

Date: Nov. 15  
Time: 5:30 p.m. Mass with 7 p.m. panel  
Aquinas College invites you to attend a Gold Mass on Nov. 15, the feast day of St. Albert the Great who is the patron saint of natural science. The evening begins with Mass at 5:30 p.m. in the Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel on the Aquinas campus, followed by a reception at 6:15 p.m. in the Albertus Magnus Hall of Science (1661 Robinson Rd., Grand Rapids), and a panel discussion at 7 p.m. on “Is there a place for faith in a science class?” (Albertus Magnus Hall of Science, Room 104)  
The public is welcome to attend the entire evening.