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

Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024
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

Katherine Martin, Secretary 616-374-7253
Dan Shields, Bookkeeper

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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.



14 Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Jn 1:35-42

15 Monday: Weekday
1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:89-9, 16-17, 21, 23 Mk 2:18-22

16 Tuesday: Weekday
1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28

17 Wednesday: Saint Anthony, Abbot
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1-2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6

18 Thursday: Weekday
1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-14 Mk 3:7-12

19 Friday: Weekday
1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11 Mk 3:13-19

20 Saturday: Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr; Saint Sabastian, Martyr
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-1

21 Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jon 3: 1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

Choices

Andrew and another disciple of John the Baptizer followed Jesus from a distance. Likewise, today there are many long-distance followers of Jesus. Are you close to the Lord? Or are your prayers long-distance calls?

Jesus, who is God, has done what we would consider to be unthinkable. He has become a man. He did even more when He gave to us in the Eucharist the gift to be even closer. He challenges us to look into our hearts and ask ourselves what we are looking for. Jesus, our Rabbi and Teacher, will show us which of these desires are distancing us from Him. All we have to do is give ourselves the chance to hear the truth about our hearts from the Truth Himself. We must stay with Jesus for an extended time. We must not run away when He speaks of changing what we're looking for, repenting of our sins, and taking up the cross daily.

This was the challenge young Samuel had in our first reading. He thought Eli was calling him. But it wasn't. It was God calling. God calls each one of us. He has a plan, a purpose for us. Are we willing to listen and follow His advice or are rejecting it? What about our children? How many times have we asked them, "What do you want to do when you grow up?" Sorry, but what we a Christians really need to ask is, "What do you think GOD want you to do?" This question also applies to us as adults. Sometimes the answer is easy, sometimes it is difficult. Often other people will have reasons for making a different choice. What we really need to do is to seek God's desires. Pray about it. Seek God's will. Jesus did. He prayed many times. Often for hours on end. He prayed all night before selecting his apostles. The world didn't think much of his choices. It still doesn't. I like the following imaginary letter. It is humorous but it also gives us good food for thought. The author is unknown.

MEMO TO: Jesus of Nazareth

FROM: The Jerusalem Management Consulting Firm
Dear Sir,

Thank you for submitting the resumes of the 12 men you have picked for management positions in your new organization. All of them have now taken the tests and we have run the results through our computer. We have also conducted in-depth interview with each of them by our staff psychologists and vocational consultants. The results of all the tests are included and you will want to study each of them carefully. It is our opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in the background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have a team concept and we highly recommend that you continue your search for persons with more experience, higher qualifications, and greater managerial abilities.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and is given to fits of temper. Andrew simply has no qualities of leadership. The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee place personal interests above company loyalty and are quite boisterous. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude and would tend to undermine morale among the ranks. It is also our duty to inform you that the Better Business Bureau of Greater Jerusalem has received reports on Matthew regarding questionable business practices. James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus definitely have radical leanings and demonstrate attitude problems which would create difficulty in their dealings with the public.

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MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, January 14, 9:45 am
+ Corey McCormick by Marsha Stadel
Monday, January 15, 9:00 am
+ Evan Goble by Bill & Colleen King
Tuesday, January 16, 9:00 am
+ Larry Williams by Nuala Willaims
Wednesday, January 17, 9:00 am
+ Living & Deceased members of the Walliczek family
Thursday, January 18, 12:10pm
Saint Edward Church
Friday, January 19, 9:00 am
+ Corey McCormick by Connie Goble
Saturday, January 20, 6:00pm
+ Evan Goble by the Hansen Family
Lector: Greg H.
EMHC: Yvonne M. & Carolyn M.
Sunday, January 21, 9:45 am
+Evan Goble by Dee Lamb
Lector: Andy S
EMHC: Chris V., Mary H., & Lynn F.



Adoration
Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.
January 4, 11, 18, 25
Adorers Needed!!

We now have a 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)

The Chosen-

Please join us on Sunday, February 4 at 2 pm for The Chosen - Season 2 episodes 1-2. We will meet in the family center. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Please bring a snack to pass. RSVP by sign up on the sheets by the entrances or calling 616-374-7253 ext4.

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However, one of your candidates shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious, and responsible and is not afraid to take the initiative. We recommend Judas Iscariot as the most qualified of all your prospective candidates.

We look forward to continuing to serve in the future.
Sincerely,
The Jerusalem Management Consulting Firm

Please Pray for:

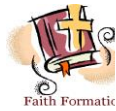
Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong, Manuel and Betty Rodriguez, Julie Sutton VanLiew, those who have asked for prayers, & those preparing to be our newest deacons.

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 **February 1**(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.
January 7, 14 & 21



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. Please call with questions 616-374-8340.

Schedule

- 1-17 Reconciliation Fr. Tom
- 1-24 Confirmation Alan
- 1-31 Holy Orders/ Anointing of the Sick Fr
- 2-07 Eucharist Andrew
- 2-14 Ash Wednesday no class
- 2-21 Eucharist Gary
- 2-28 Marriage Suzanne
- 3-06 Mary and the Communion of the Saints Anne
- 3-13 Review
- 3-20 Paschal Mystery Gary



Men of the Eucharist:
Strengthened in Christ – Responding with Joy

Pray for Seminarian:

Hunter D. Ostapowicz
Mundelein Seminarian
1000 E. Maple Avenue
Mundelein, IL 60660



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.

Exploring Priesthood Discernment Meetings

If you are considering the priesthood, meetings will take place from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Parish, 750 Gladstone Dr. S.E., East Grand Rapids and are offered on the **following Sundays in 2024: January 28, February 18, March 10, and April 21.**

Just show up or email Pattie Reynolds, preynolds@grdiocese.org, to RSVP.

Questions? Contact Father Stephen Durkee, director of priestly vocations, sdurkee@grdiocese.org.

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Jan 6/7, 2024

Adults	\$ 4,162.00
Loose:	\$ 293.00
Total receipts:	\$ 4,455.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
Overage/Shortage:	\$ 505.00

July 1, 2023 – Jan 7, 2024 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 109,737.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 110,600.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ (863.00)

*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.

Counter January 21: Pat Drake & Joe Hickey
Next Finance Meeting- January 22, 6:30 PM



Next Meeting will be on
Tuesday, February 13, 2023 at 7pm.

Sidewalk Snow removal Sign-up

Winter brings snow. So please see the sign-up in the back of the Church to help cover all week-ends until April 14.

Euchre Tournament

Knights will be hosting their Annual Euchre tournament on January 20, February 17, and March 16 at 7 pm in the Family Center. Refreshments will be served.

January Knight of the Month – Joe Coates

January Family of the Month -- Andy and Lori Snyder family

K of C Raffle winners: 1/7/2024	Sold By
1 st Conner MacKenzie \$175.00	Terry K.
2 nd Josh Brusting \$ 50.00	Frank A.
3 rd Andy Snider \$ 25.00	Andy

Pray to Protect Human Life!

9 Days for Life starts next week on Tuesday, January 16!

www.usccb.org/resources/rlp-23-rlm-novena.pdf

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).

“Organ donation is a testimony of love for our neighbor.”
~ Pope Francis

For information & to register as a donor visit:
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