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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

January 21, 2024
Saint Edward Church
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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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

22 Monday: Weekday
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Ps 89:20-22, 25-26 Mk 3:22-30

23 Tuesday: Weekday: Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr
2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19 Ps24:7-10 Mk 3:31-35

24 Wednesday: Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1-2, 9-10 Mk 4:1-20

25 Thursday: The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18

26 Friday: Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10 Mk 4:26-34

27 Saturday: Saint Angela Merici, Virgin
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51:12-17 Mk 4:35-41

28 Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

“When the Communists came into power in China, one of the things they wanted to do was suppress religion, especially Christianity. At one point they came to this village, took the priest, and locked him in the house next to the church. And then they went into the church and just destroyed the place. They turned over pews and they ripped the Bible.

The priest was sitting at the window, looking out of his rectory, watching helplessly as they destroyed the church.

At one point these soldiers took the tabernacle and the they threw it out the window. It crashed through the window, hit the ground, and exploded open. The Eucharist fell out and scattered on the ground. Jesus’ body, this body that was given for him, was discarded on the ground.

Because the priest was under house arrest, all he could do was stand there and keep watch with Jesus. So, he stood there, with the Eucharist on the ground outside his window.

As night fell, he saw this figure getting closer and closer. Darting from shadow to shadow. And as it closer, he recognized it was a 12-year-old girl from his parish. She had seen what the soldiers had done and she had seen the Eucharist on the ground. So she waited until night fell and she snuck to the Eucharist. She was taught as a kid not to touch the Eucharist with your hands, so she knelt down and bent her face to the ground. She picked up the Eucharist off the ground with her tongue, stood up, and made the Sign of the Cross. She was also taught you only receive Communion once, so she got up and then she snuck away into the night.

The priest knew exactly how many consecrated hosts of the body of Christ were there. Night after night this girl kept coming back. She’d sneak toward the abandoned hosts, kneel down, and receive the Eucharist off the ground, make the Sign of the Cross, get up and ran away into the night—until the last night.

He knew it was the last time and he knew that after this she’d be safe. After this she wouldn’t have to keep coming back and risking her life.

That last night, he saw her approaching as he was praying. She came closer and closer, knelt down, and she received Jesus off the ground with her tongue, and made the Sign of the Cross. The beautiful ritual brought the priest to tears.

But, as the girl got up, she knocked something over and a noise echoed through the night. Her heart skipped a beat, and the priest’s heart was seized with fear for the girl’s safety.

Two soldiers rushed to where she was. They saw what she was doing and they beat the 12-year- old girl to death with the butts of their rifles.”

Excerpt from “Why do you do that?” by Father Mike Schmitz. Found in the book, “Beautiful Eucharist”.

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, January 21, 9:45 am

+ Evan Goble by Dee Lamb

Monday, January 22, 9:00 am

The John McCormick Family by Marsha Stadel

Tuesday, January 23, 9:00 am

St. Edward Church

Wednesday, January 24, 9:00 am

+ Living & Deceased members of the Walliczek Family

Thursday, January 25, 12:10pm

+Living & Deceased members of the Gerhard Family

Friday, January 26, 9:00 am

+ Evan Goble by Mr. & Mrs. Barrett

Saturday, January 27, 6:00pm

Pat Drake by Prayer Partner

Lector: Dave B.

EMHC: Yvonne M. & Dave B.

Altar Servers: Aiden & Ashlynn Terry

Sunday, January 28, 9:45 am

St. Edward Parish

Lector: Dee M.

EMHC: Dee M., Janice F., & Lynn F.

Altar Servers: Robbie King

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.

Join Bishop Walkowiak for the Mass for Life

Monday, Jan. 22 | 7 p.m.

Cathedral of Saint Andrew

All are encouraged to join Bishop Walkowiak to pray for the legal protection of unborn children. Those attending Mass are invited to bring a donation for baby pantries in Grand Rapids and Muskegon run by Catholic Charities West Michigan.

Resources to support moms and families may be found at GRdiocese.org/walking-with-moms

Please Pray for:

Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong, Manuel and Betty Rodriguez, Julie Sutton VanLiew, those who have asked for prayers, & the homeless.



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

February 4, 11, & 18



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

1-24 Confirmation Alan

1-31 Holy Orders/ Anointing of the Sick Fr. Tom

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 13/14, 2024

Adults	\$ 1,863.00
Loose:	\$ 72.00
Total receipts:	\$ 1,935.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
Overage/Shortage:	\$ (2,015.00)

July 1, 2023 – Jan 14, 2024 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 111,672.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 114,550.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ (2,878.00)

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 28: Janice Fyan & Larry Adams
Next Finance Meeting- January 22, 6:30 PM



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

Sidewalk Snow removal Sign-up

Snow has arrived. So, see the sign-up sheet in the back of the Church to help cover all week-ends until April 14. Thank you.

Euchre Tournament

Knights will be hosting their Annual Euchre tournaments 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: 1/14/2024	Sold By
1 st Kris Galaviz \$ 175.00	David G.
2 nd Jesse Adams \$ 50.00	Larry A.
3 rd Dee Manshum \$ 25.00	Roger M.

Cor Prayer Group

Cor is a men’s group that meets on the first Saturday of every month in the church basement.

If you’re a Catholic man seeking to deepen your prayer life, your knowledge of the faith, and brotherhood with your fellow Catholic men, join us for a time of fellowship and prayer.

Our first meeting will be Saturday, February 10 at 8:00 AM. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Contact Andrew Coates with questions (269) 838-4418.

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).