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 <p>Council #14404 Chris Vinton, Grand Knight Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the Month.</p>	 <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>	 <p>Pray for the Unborn</p>

# Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

**January 28, 2024**  
Saint Edward Church  
531 Jordan Lake St.  
Lake Odessa, MI 48849

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**Facebook:** Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

**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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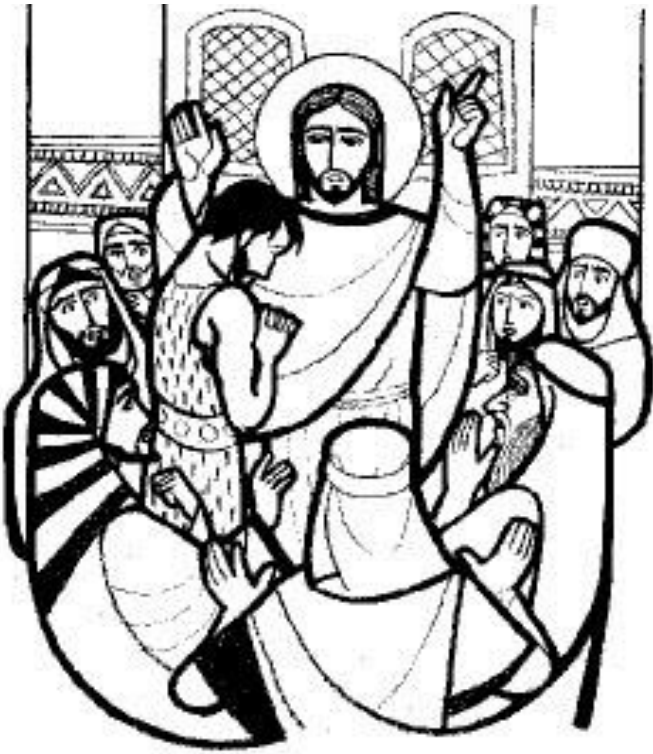
**Prayer Chain:** Gayle Peacock  
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**Pastoral Council:** Kathy Carnegie,  
Colleen King and Fredia Wernette

**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.

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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

**29 Monday: Weekday**  
2 Sm 15:13-14, 30: 16:5-13 Ps 3:2-7 Mk 5:1-20

**30 Tuesday: Weekday**  
2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3 Ps 86: 1-6 Mk 5:21-43

**31 Wednesday: Saint John Bosco, Priest**  
2 Sm 24:2,9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 6:1-6

**01 Thursday: Weekday**  
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 (Ps) 1Chr 29:10-11b, 11d-12d Mk 6:7-13

**02 Friday: The Presentation of the Lord**  
Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

**03 Saturday: Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr: Saint Ansgar, Bishop**  
1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9-14 Mk 6:30-34

**04 Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 Ps 147:1-6 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39



The greatest privilege I have is to be able to celebrate Mass with you and for you. The Mass is such a great gift to us from God. It is amazing how many people just don’t recognize this! Our saints patterned their lives on the Eucharist received at Mass. They were defined by the Eucharist. They find all they need in it. Many surrendered their lives and died instead of giving up the Eucharist. What we do in celebrating Mass is the most important thing that happens in this world.

It is during Mass that God most closely listens to us for it is at Mass that Jesus continually re-presents to His Father his sacrifice on the Cross. Every single Mass has great potency. But it is up to us. How well are we celebrating it? St. Teresa explained that the world would long ago have been destroyed but for the Mass. It alone holds the arm of God. It alone restrains divine justice. A single, well-celebrated Mass, attended with true grace, can have unimaginable effects. Our requests can be offered throughout the liturgy. It is, it seems, especially effective during the Elevation of the Host and the Chalice. For it is then that the Host has become the Body of Christ and the Chalice has become the Blood of Christ. The Body and Blood is most powerful in washing away sinfulness. It was laid down for our redemption. It is this shedding of Jesus’ Body and Blood that is most feared by the devils. It established Jesus Christ’s transcendence of the world and the defeat of evil. It represents His sacrifice.

St. Paul believed, to the core of his being, that the Eucharist is Christ’s very Body and Blood. He proclaimed and taught that Christ’s Eucharistic presence is real. He wrote, “The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not our participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not our participation in the Body of Christ? Not only is it real for St. Paul, but by it, Christ dwells in us. So real is our incorporation into Christ’s Body that he wrote, “I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me.” St. Paul’s preaching and teaching necessitated conversion for salvation and the building up of a community defined by virtuous living.

Remember Fatima? It is one of the most widely reported miracles. At Fatima, the Angel asked Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco to make acts of adoration and reparation to the Holy Trinity. He asked them to offer up sacrifices to the Lord in order to erase the sins by which He was so offended, and thus bring peace to the country. The Angel held the chalice aloft with a Host suspended above it. He prayed: *Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I adore You profoundly and I offer to You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which He Himself is offended. And by the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners.* The Angel then gave the Body and Blood to the children saying, “*Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus, horribly outraged by ungrateful men. Make reparation for their crimes and console your God.*

We are called to receive and to pray. We need to pray for morality. We pray for holiness. We pray for the Holy Spirit to descend upon the world and lift our spiritual blinders. These are things we need to pray about during Mass. Let us bring them to the altar.

God bless you! Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

**Sunday, January 28, 9:45 am**

Saint Edward Parish

**Monday, January 29, 9:00 am**

Our Priest

**Tuesday, January 30, 9:00 am**

+ Living & Deceased members of the Walliczek Family

**Wednesday, January 31, 9:00 am**

+Evan Goble by Dee Lamb

**Thursday, February 01, 12:10pm**

For the poor

**Friday, February 02, 9:00 am**

Unborn Children

**Saturday, February 03, 6:00pm**

+ Evan Goble by Bill & Colleen King

Lector: Greg H.

EMHC: Bill S. & Mary S.

**Sunday, February 04, 9:45 am**

St. Edward Parish

Lector: Alan B.

EMHC: Mike R., Chris V., and Alan B.



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.

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](mailto:preynolds@grdiocese.org), to RSVP.

Questions? Contact Father Stephen Durkee, director of priestly vocations, [sdurkee@grdiocese.org](mailto:sdurkee@grdiocese.org).

Please Pray for:

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



*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.

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 -

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:

Isaac A. Schneider

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.

Discerning Priesthood – Mundelein Seminary Visits

Dates: March 15-18, 2024

7 p.m. Friday – 1 p.m. Sunday

Mundelein Seminary invites any man discerning the priesthood to visit campus for a retreat to further discern God’s call to the priesthood. The weekend will include prayer, discussion, fraternity, and recreation.

Attendees are responsible for their own transportation costs, but the rest of the weekend is free with private rooms and meals included. Pickups from O’Hare Airport and Metra are provided.

Register at [usml.edu/epw](http://usml.edu/epw)

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Jan 20/21, 2024

Adults \$ 2,505.00

Loose: \$ 510.00

**Total receipts: \$ 3,222.00**

Weekly Budget \$ 3,950.00

**Overage/Shortage: \$ ( 728.00)**

July 1, 2023 – Jan 21, 2024 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date: \$ 114,894.00

Budgeted Year-to-Date: \$ 118,500.00

**Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date: \$ (3,606.00)**

*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 February 4: Pat Drake & Mike Hickey**  
**Next Finance Meeting-**



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 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<sup>st</sup> Laura Olson \$ 175.00 Pat Sinke

2<sup>nd</sup> Tim Rodriques \$ 50.00 Mike Rodriquez

3<sup>rd</sup> Al Decker \$ 25.00 Jim Decker

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](http://grdiocese.org) or the diocesan Facebook page (Diocese of Grand Rapids).

**Please remember to check that all the doors are locked after using any of the Church buildings. Thank you.**