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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024
Saint Edward Church
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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.



18 Sunday: First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15

19 Monday: Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

20 Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15

21 Wednesday: Lenten Weekday; Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

22 Thursday: The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 16:13-19

23 Friday: Lenten Weekday; Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26

24 Saturday: Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5P:43-48

25 Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10



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Chris Vinton, Grand Knight
Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday
of the Month.



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Pray for
the Unborn

Jesus was appalled at His disciples' spiritual blindness. He looks at them and asks, "Do you still not see or comprehend? Are your minds completely blinded? Have you eyes but no sight? Ears but no hearing? They were blinded to the significance of the two multiplications of the loaves and fishes. They thought Jesus was upset with them because they no bread. Jesus corrects them but they still do not see. They were blinded as to Who Jesus really was. This blindness would eventually lead His disciples to abandon Jesus!

When they were up on the Mount of Olives at Gethsemani, Judas and the crowd armed with swords and clubs came to arrest Jesus. Jesus knew what was to happen but he asked them, "Who is it that you want?" "Jesus the Nazorean," they replied. Jesus replied, "I AM He." And they fell to the ground! Jesus then asked them again and Jesus repeated He was the one they were looking for and to let the other men go. All the disciples deserted Him and fled. Even witnessing His power and the guards who came to arrest Him falling to the ground, the disciples were filled with fear and ran away! This spiritual blindness of his followers and the rest of the Jewish people as well as the Romans caused Jesus' death on the cross.

This blindness also caused the Third Reich, the Holocaust of six million Jews, slavery for centuries, and countless other atrocities. Spiritual blindness causes starvation, racism, the sexual abuse of children, and other atrocities.

Spiritual blindness is caused by the god of the present age (2 Cor 4:4) and by our complicity with the evils of this god of selfishness and secular humanism. Even today, we, the members of the Church are not free from it. This spiritual blindness has caused the mass murder of millions of unborn children. We excuse it and call on people's freedom of choice to kill their children.

Spiritual blindness is caused by sin. The darkness of sin blinds us. It even blinds us to being blind, and causes us to blind ourselves! Whole nations, cities, and even churches can become spiritually blind.

We need to see. On Ash Wednesday, we were given the sign of Jesus cross on our foreheads and heard the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel!" Have we repented? Are we willing to listen once again to Jesus' words and apply them to our lives?

Jesus has divided the world into two groups — those going blind and those receiving sight (John 9:39). Let us all repent, go to Confession, and be healed. Let us go forth and proclaim the good news and Jesus' desire to heal others of their blindness.

May this Lent be spiritually fulfilling and lead us to a closer union with Jesus.

God bless you

Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, February 18, 9:45 am

+Slyvia Welke by Judy Lyson

Monday, February 19, 9:00 am

+ The VanDeVelde Family by Charles VanDeVelde

Tuesday, February 20, 9:00 am

St. Edward Parish

Wednesday, February 21, 9:00 am

+ Living & Deceased members of the Walliczek Family

Thursday, February 22, 12:10pm

Judy Lyson by Prayer Partner

Friday, February 23, 9:00 am

Unborn Children

Saturday, February 24, 6:00pm

+ Ernie & Estelle Cusack by Mary Endress

Lector: Kathy S.

EMHC: Yvonne M. & Carolyn M.

Sunday, February 25, 9:45 am

Jordan, Amber & Lucas Spitzley by Janice Fyan

Lector: Anne A.

EMHC: Mary H, Lynn F., & Mike R.



Adoration

Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.

February 8, 15, 22, & 29

Adorers Needed!!

Contact Suzanne King at 269-271-6406 for more information.

Lenten Extra Confession Times-

Sunday- March 3 & 17 (3pm- 5pm)

Stations of the Cross -6:30 pm in the Church

February 23

March 01

March 08

March 15

March 22



Stations of the Cross Leader

February 23- Faith Formation

Mark Your Calendars!

As we begin the season of Lent, the Diocese of Grand Rapids will once again offer a special opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. "The Light is ON for You: An Evening of Penance" on Thursday, March 14, from 5 - 8 p.m. offered at Saint Peter & Paul Church, Ionia, MI.

Visit GRdiocese.org/penance for details



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 **March 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.

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 Anne with questions: 616-374-8340.



RCIA

Schedule

- 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:

Jonathan P. Jensen

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.

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: 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.

The Chosen-

Please join us on Sunday, March 3 at 2 pm for The Chosen - Season 2 episodes 3-4. 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.

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Feb 10/11, 2024

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| Adults | \$ 2,269.00 |
| Loose: | \$ 168.00 |
| Total receipts: | \$ 2,437.00 |
| Weekly Budget | \$ 3,950.00 |
| Overage/Shortage: | \$ (1,513.00) |

July 1, 2023 – Feb 11, 2024 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Year-to-Date: | \$ 126,502.00 |
| Budgeted Year-to-Date: | \$ 130,350.00 |
| Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date: | \$ (3,848.00) |

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 25: Janice Fyan & Bill Sutton



Next Meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 12, 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 March 16 at 7 pm in the Family Center. Refreshments will be served.

K of C Raffle winners: 2/11/2024

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| 1 st Dan Sheilds | \$ 175.00 |
| 2 nd Bill King | \$ 50.00 |
| 3 rd Kennedy Kelly | \$ 25.00 |

Cor Prayer Group

Cor is a men's group that meets on the **second Saturday** of every month at 8 am 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. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Contact Andrew Coates with questions (269) 838-4418.

The work of the Synod on Synodality continues in the Interim stage. The diocese will host listening sessions to engage the faithful ahead of the October 2024 assembly in Rome.

The sessions will be held on:

- Sat., March 2, Cathedral Square Center, Grand Rapids, 3 – 4:30 p.m.
- Tues., March 12, St. Patrick – St. Anthony Parish, Grand Haven, 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- Wed., March 20, Catholic Newman Center, Big Rapids, 6—7:30 p.m.

Participants should choose the session that works the best for them. Please register by scanning the QR code or calling DJ Florian at 616-551-4748.

