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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 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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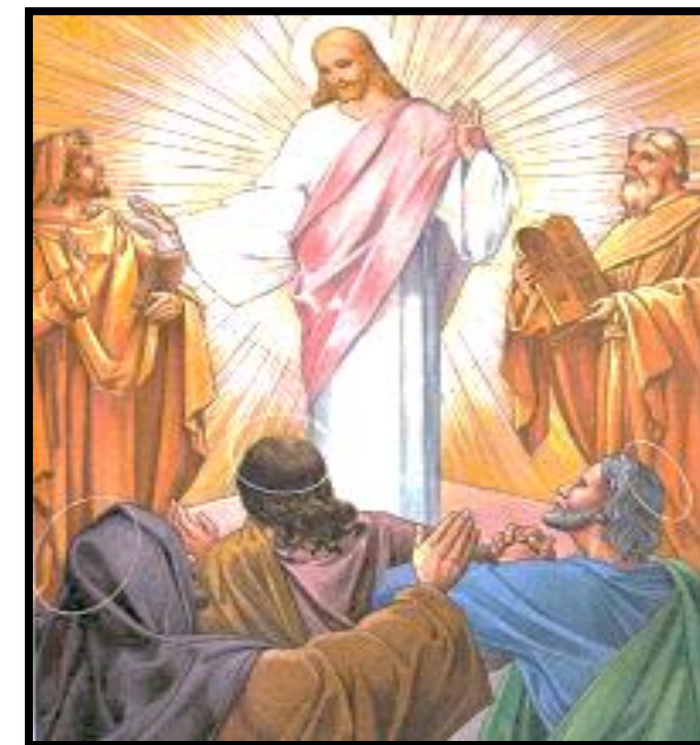
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



25 Sunday: 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

26 Monday: Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Lk 6: 36-38

27 Tuesday: Lenten Weekday; Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 Mt 23:1-12

28 Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 Mt 20:17-28

29 Thursday: Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31

01 Friday: Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

02 Saturday: Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

03 Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25



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



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Pray for
 the Unborn

As I write this we are still in the early stages of our walk through Lent. Lent is a special time for us. It is a time of prayer and fasting. It is a time to work on growing closer to God. Of course, that is true for all of us all year. But especially during Lent it has an extra significance. Last week we had the covenant God made with Noah. This week it is the one He made with Abraham. Coming up we will have the one made with Moses and then the failure of Israel to keep them. This all leads to Jesus making a new covenant and calling us to keep it, to become holy. It is this call to holiness that prompts this season of Lent to prayer and fasting that we may grow in holiness.

“God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love He has for us...[that] He might show us the immeasurable riches of His grace in His kindness to us in Jesus Christ. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is a gift of God. For we are His handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.” (Ephesians 2)

God’s riches are poured out on us that we may live in them. So, we focus on holiness, on living out these graces from God. To help us, Jesus has given us great gifts. We have the gift of constant nourishment with God’s Word and the Holy Eucharist at Mass. We have the gift of fruitful and frequent reception of the sacrament of Reconciliation. We have the gift of the Bible to read and reflect more on God’s will for us and follow it with the gift of the Holy Spirit. To encourage us we have the gift of Mary, the Mother of God and perfect model of submission to God’s desires. Finally, we also have visits to the Blessed Sacrament available to us in the tabernacles in our churches.

These gifts are here for all of us. It is never too late. Why waste a minute mourning over lost opportunities? As followers of God who can squeeze a thousand years into a single day, it is never too late. Let us move forward with St. Paul’s battle cry to holiness ringing in our ears: “I do not think of myself as having reached the finish line. I give no thought to what lies behind but push on to what is ahead. My entire attention is on the finish line as I run toward the prize to which God calls me---life on high in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3).

May our Lord richly bless you as we strive to grow in holiness.

Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, February 25, 9:45 am

Jordan, Amber & Lucas Spitzley by Janice Fyan

Monday, February 26, 9:00 am

For the Poor

Tuesday, February 27, 9:00 am

+ Living & Deceased members of the Walliczek Family

Wednesday, February 28, 9:00 am

For the Hungry

Thursday, February 29, 12:10pm

Ruth O’Mara by Prayer Partner

Friday, March 01, 9:00 am

Unborn Children

Saturday, March 02, 6:00pm

St Edward Parish

Sunday, March 03, 9:45 am

+ Don & Ger Arnes by Ann Radamacher

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



March 01
March 08
March 15
March 22



Stations of the Cross Leader

March 01 - Knights of Columbus



“May the angels welcome you into paradise,
May the martyrs greet you on your way,
May you see the face of the Lord this day.”

Please Pray for the soul John R. Helsper, Brother of Bill Helsper, who passed from death to life January 10, 2024.

“Eternal rest grant unto him, Oh Lord, may he rest in peace.”



“May the angels welcome you into paradise,
May the martyrs greet you on your way,
May you see the face of the Lord this day.”

Please Pray for the soul Lyle Sandbrook, Sr, Father of Terri Decker, who passed from death to life February 21, 2024.

“Eternal rest grant unto him, Oh Lord, may he rest in peace.”

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).

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.



March 3, 10, 17, & 24

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

- 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:

Deacon Nichola R. Baker

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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.

From Scripture-Growing in Faith™

In Jesus’ time, Israel was occupied by the Romans. The Israelites already had a long history of being attacked and conquered by other nations. The Jews dreamed of the day when the messiah would set them free and make them victors.

God had set up Moses as liberator and lawgiver, and sent them Elijah, the first of the great prophets who foretold Christ’s coming. So, when Jesus was transfigured in glory with Moses and Elijah, the Apostles assumed that God was revealing Jesus as the Messiah.

Moses and Elijah spoke with Jesus about His death and resurrection. Jesus warned His disciples that He would suffer and die (Mk 8:31). While many Jews were expectation the Messiah to overthrow the Romans and make Himself king. God revealed there4h Messiah would save His people by His own death and resurrection. The transfiguration was meant to strengthen the faith of the Apostles & prepare the Passion. The Transfiguration reminds us that however difficult this life may be there is unimaginable glory to that awaits us in Heaven.

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Feb 17/18, 2024

Adults	\$ 1,415.00
Loose:	\$ 220.00
Total receipts:	\$ 1,635.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
Overage/Shortage:	\$ (2,315.00)

July 1, 2023 – Feb 18, 2024 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 128,137.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 134,300.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ (6,163.00)

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 March 03: Greg Zuver & Larry Adams



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

Sidewalk Snow removal Sign-up

Please see the sign-up in the back of the Church to help.

Euchre Tournament-Knights will be hosting their next Euchre tournament on March 16 at 7 pm in the Family Center. Refreshments will be served.

K of C Raffle winners: 02/18/2024

1 st Missy Stanton	\$ 175.00
2 nd Kris Galaviz	\$ 50.00
3 rd Roger Manshum	\$ 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.

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 pas s. RSVP by sign up on the sheets by the entrances or calling 616-374-7253 ext4.