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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 7, 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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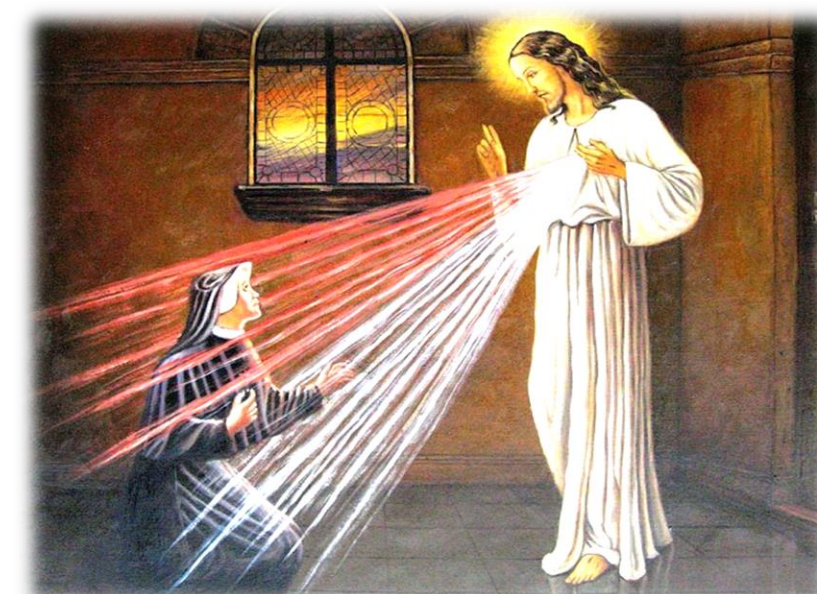
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



07 Sunday: Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Jn 5:1-6
 Jn 20:19-31

08 Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

09 Tuesday: Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

10 Wednesday: Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

11 Thursday: Easter Weekday: Saint Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr

Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36

12 Friday: Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

13 Saturday: Easter Weekday; Saint Martin I, Pope, Martyr

Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

14 Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9 1 Jn 2:1-5a
 Lk 24:35-48



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 Chris Vinton, Grand Knight
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 of the Month.



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Pray for
 the Unborn

JESUS IS ALIVE! HE IS ALIVE! HE IS RISEN!

It has been a week since we celebrated that Jesus Christ is risen and alive. He appears to his Apostles who at first don't believe. They think they are seeing a ghost. But they are not. He really is alive. They see him, touch him, watch him eat, and then, finally convinced, they rejoice in talking with him. But there was one missing. Thomas was not there. So, a week later Jesus comes again. And again, has to convince Thomas that he is real, that he is alive. Thomas replies, "My Lord and My God!" This faith of ours is real. It is not subjective, but objective. It is a real, deep and practical relationship with our living Lord who died and then rose for us.

The Apostles had gone to Galilee where Jesus would meet with them. They were excited to see Jesus, but also fearful. Peter was afraid because he had denied knowing Jesus. The others were fearful for they had run away when he was arrested. It is much the same for us. We have done things in our lives that greatly offend Jesus. We love him but we are also embarrassed. We want to see him yet we stay at a distance. We wonder what his first words to us will be.

This is why we have the feast day of Divine Mercy Sunday. Coming on the very first Sunday after Easter, it proclaims that the mercy of Jesus is unlimited and available even to the greatest sinners. He invites us to trust him. He taught us through Sister Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, "Jesus, I trust in you!" Our Lord said, "Do you think you have written enough about my divine mercy? What you have written is but a drop in the ocean. I am Love and Mercy itself. There is no misery that could be a match for my mercy; neither will misery exhaust it, because it is being granted. It even increases. The soul which will trust in my mercy is most fortunate because I myself take care of it."

So, Jesus' love for us is infinite. But He does not force himself on us. He invites. He pleads. He even begs us to come and seek his mercy. But he does not force it. "Today I am sending you with my mercy to the whole world," says our Lord. "I do not want to punish mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to my merciful heart. I use punishment when they themselves force me to do so. My hand is reluctant to take hold of the sword of justice. Before the day of justice, I am sending the day of mercy."

Jesus sends us his mercy. Remember the story of Jesus in the Bible about the prodigal son? How the youngest went off wasting his inheritance and then, broke and penniless decides to return home? He did not yet have mercy. First, he had to return home. We return home when we come to the sacrament of Confession. Second, the prodigal son spoke of being treated as a slave, saying he no longer deserved to be treated as a son and asked for forgiveness. We come into the confessional and acknowledge our sins. "Forgive me for I have sinned. My sins are..." It was then that the father extended forgiveness. Jesus grants us forgiveness. He proclaims us to be a child of heaven and pours out grace on us. Let us proclaim his love and mercy, saying "Jesus, I trust in you!"

-Father Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, April 07, 9:45 am Divine Mercy Sunday

+ Clarence Spitzley by Janice Fyan

Monday, April 08, 9:00 am

+ Jeffrey Cron by Chris & Darla Vinton

Tuesday, April 09, 9:00 am

For the Poor

Wednesday, April 10, 9:00 am

+ Tim Smith by Katherine Martin

Thursday, April 11, 12:10 pm

+ Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family

Friday, April 12, 9:00 am

For the Unborn

Saturday, April 13, 6:00pm

Fredrick & Phyllis Beckhold by Brody & Aura Beckhold and

Nick & Leah Zurawski

Lector: Dave B.

EMHC: Yvonne M., & Carole H.

Sunday, April 14, 9:45 am

+ Lyle Sandbrook, sr. by Joe Hickey

Lector: Dee M.

EMHC: Lynn F., Chris V., & Mike R.

Request a Mass Intention

Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass please contact the parish office. Intention may be for the living or deceased and provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of anniversaries, birthdays, and other special intentions. Call the Office: 616-374-7253

Adoration



Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.

April 4, 11, 18 & 25

Adorers Needed!!

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

The Chosen-

Please join us on **Sunday, April 7** at 2 pm for The Chosen – Season 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.

WME Sharing Group-

If you have ever attended a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience in the past, we would like to invite you to join our sharing group. We meet at St. Edward's on the 2nd Friday of the month at 7 pm in the parish basement. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris and Darla Vinton at 410-487-5226.

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 **April 4** (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.

April 14, 21 & 28



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.

Men of the Eucharist:

Strengthened in Christ – Responding with Joy

Pray for: All Priests

Father, you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you.

Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers. Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call.

We ask this in Jesus' name,

Amen.

Exploring Priesthood Discernment Meeting

If you are considering the priesthood, a meeting 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 **Sunday April 21** 2024. Just show up or email Pattie Reynolds, preynolds@grdiocese.org, to RSVP. Questions? Contact Father Stephen Durkee, director of priestly vocations, sdurkee@grdiocese.org.

Do you have a desire to grow in your relationship with God?

A Cursillo weekend could be the thing you need!

Men's Cursillo Weekend on April 25 – 28 at Holy Family Catholic Church, Sparta. For more information, visit grcursillo.org or call Rose at 616-824-0701

Women's Day of Reflection

Join women from throughout the diocese for a day of reflection as we enter spring. The event will be held at St. Mary Parish, Spring Lake, on April 27 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Please join us as we welcome special guest, Kathryn Mulderink, for this special day of prayer, reflection, and confession. Registration fee is \$15, morning reception and lunch included. Tickets are available at stmarysl.org or on the parish Facebook page.

We're looking for you!

Catholic schools, parishes, affiliated organizations, and the diocese are hiring! See available opportunities at: grdiocese.org/employment/

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Mar 16/17, 2024

Adults	\$ 7,766.00
Loose:	\$ 183.00
Total receipts:	\$ 7,949.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
Overage/Shortage:	\$ 3,999.00

July 1, 2023 – Mar 17, 2024 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 148,143.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 150,100.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ (1,957.00)

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.

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Thank you for your continued support of the church.

Counter April 14: Pat Drake & Larry Adams



Next Meeting will be on
Tuesday, April 9, 2023 at 7pm.

Cor Prayer Group - Next Meeting Saturday April 13

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.

Let Your Marriage Bloom!

Let your marriage bloom this spring at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! Attend in-person: April 12-14 at St. Francis Retreat Center-DeWitt June 11-13 Maryville Retreat Center – Holly For in-person, apply today at wwme.org or call Chris and Darla Vinton at 517-667-0433.

Or try the new virtual experience via Zoom.

7 sessions once a week on Thursday evenings beginning April 11 and concluding on May 23. Virtual sessions start at 7 p.m. and last approximately 2 - 2 ½ hours. For virtual registration, call Chuck & Mary Jane Young at 646-642-7463.

"As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy! Lord, who reveals the Father's love by Your death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You today: Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world."

—St. Pope John Paul II, Regina caeli message prepared for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2005