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<div><p>Council #14404 Chris Vinton, Grand Knight Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the Month.</p></div>	<div><p>7857 Velte Rd Lake Odessa, MI 8849 Mon., Tues., & Thurs., 8-12 & 3- 7 Fri., & Sat., 8-12 Phone (616) 374-7880</p></div>	<div><p>Pray for the Unborn</p></div>

Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

March 17, 2024
Saint Edward Church
531 Jordan Lake St.
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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent



17 Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-15 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33

18 Monday: Lenten Weekday; Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, doctor of the Church
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:1-11

19Tuesday: Saint Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary
2Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a,16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

20 Wednesday: Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 (Ps)Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42

21 Thursday: Lenten Weekday
Gn 17: 3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59

22 Friday: Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42

23 Saturday: Lenten Weekday; Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56

24 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Mk 11:1-10 Is 50:40- Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24

God loves you! He loves you so very, very much. So often we forget that. We get so busy with daily activities that we totally forget about God. This in turn means we forget about Him. No prayer time. No conversation. No seeking His help. Yet God is the One who became man for our sake. He is the One who became all things for us and remains close to us. He cries out to us saying, “See, I am with you all the days of your life.” He is our shepherd, the high priest, the way, and the door. He is all things for us at all times.

As we rapidly approach the feast day of Easter, we need to remember that He died, willingly, for us. “Christ has been sacrificed as our Passover.” It was Christ who prayed for us saying, “You are my joy!” He came to be with us with joy. We need to be with Him in joy. True joy means we need to cast out wickedness. To achieve this, we must strive to live a life of goodness and be in union with God. This is what the saints have done. In the Old Testament, David rose several times at night to pray to God. Moses, filled with joy, sang His praises for the defeat of Pharaoh and those oppressing the Hebrew people. Others, like Samuel and Elijah, had their hearts filled always with gladness as they performed their duties of worship; it filled their lives. This continues in the New Testament and through today.

St. Patrick, whose feast day is this weekend, gave up his homeland and came to the Irish people to preach the gospels and endure the taunts of unbelievers. He put up with countless persecutions, even bondage and loss of freedom for the sake of others. St. Patrick said, “If I am worthy, I am ready to give up my life, without hesitation and most willingly, for Jesus. I want to spend myself in that country, even in death.” St. Patrick said he was deeply in debt to almighty God for all the graces he was given and desired to share them with others. Even those who didn’t want to hear him. Other saints, in various ways, have continued to proclaim Jesus and the Father and Holy Spirit in everything they are doing. Seven days a week.

What of the graces we have been given? We are so richly blessed. We have His Words in Sacred Scripture, His sacraments in the Church, and His blessings in our lives. Let us ask Him to help us to bear witness to Him in all our thoughts and actions.

May God bless you. Especially today.

Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, March 17, 9:45 am

+Jim Miller by Irene Miller

Monday, March 18, 9:00 am

For the Poor

Tuesday, March 19, 9:00 am

+ Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family

Wednesday, March 20, 9:00 am

For the Sick

Thursday, March 21, 12:10 pm

Unborn Children

Friday, March 22, 9:00 am

Saint Edward Parish

Saturday, March 23, 6:00 pm

Those Preparing for 1st Communion

Lector: Greg H.

EMHC: Yvonne M. & Pat S.

Altar Server: Emma Tidd & Nolan Buche

Sunday, March 24, 9:45 am (Palm Sunday)

Saint Edward Parish

Lector: Dee M

EMHC: Dee M., Mary H., & Janice F.



Adoration



Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.
March 7 & 21

Adorers Needed!!

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

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

March 22



Stations of the Cross Leader

March 15- Father Tom

Holy Week Schedule – March 24-31

Palm Sunday March 24

Mass 9:45am

Holy Thursday March 28

Mass 5:30pm

No Confessions or Adoration

Good Friday March 29

Stations of the Cross - 2:30 pm

The Passion of the Lord- 3:00 pm

No Daily Mass

Holy Saturday March 30

Easter Vigil 8:45 pm (Saints Peter & Paul Church)

Easter Sunday March 31

Mass 9:45 am

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.

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

3-20 Paschal Mystery Gary

Men of the Eucharist:

Strengthened in Christ – Responding with Joy

Pray for:

Father Stephen J. Durkee

Director, Office of Priestly Vocations

Diocese of Grand Rapids



Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. 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.

Discerning the Diaconate Meeting

Is God calling you to discern a vocation to become a deacon? The Office of Diaconate Formation invites men with interest or questions about discernment & formation to an informational session. Meeting will be from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. **on May 6, 2024** - Cathedral Square Center, Grand Rapids

To RSVP or learn more, contact Dcn. Jerry Roersma, director of diaconate formation, at 616-288-0913 or jroersma@GRdiocese.org

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Mar 9/10, 2024

Adults	\$ 3,396.00
Loose:	\$ 145.00
Total receipts:	\$ 3,541.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
Overage/Shortage:	\$ (409.00)

July 1, 2023 – Mar 10, 2024 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 140,194.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 146,150.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ (5,956.00)

*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.

Counters: March 21: Betsy Weiland & Hoe Hickey



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

K of C Raffle winners: 03/10/2024

1 st	Greg Zuver	\$ 175.00
2 nd	Rhonda Cron	\$ 50.00
3 rd	Avery Haskin	\$ 25.00

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.

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.

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.

“You don’t know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, ‘Lord, I don’t know how to pray!’ you can be sure you’ve already begun.”
- St. Josemaría Escrivá