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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 24, 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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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.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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
Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15:47

25 Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn 2:1-11

26 Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

27 Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21bcd-22, 31, 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

28 Holy Thursday of The Lord’s Supper
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-18
1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

29 Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42

30 Saturday: The Easter Vigil of The Holy Night
Gn 1:1-2:2 Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35
Ex 14:15-15:1 (Ps) Ex 15:1-6, 17-18 Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4
Ps 19:8-11 Rom 6:3-11 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Mk 16:1-7

31 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4
Jn 20:1-9

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE BAD NEWS ISN'T ALL THE NEWS
THERE IS by George Weigel

What about the Church in these United States? To be sure, ours is a chiaroscuro landscape, with both shadows and light. But a wasteland? I think not. Consider the following:

Seminaries. In the main, U.S. seminaries today are in better shape than they’ve ever been. The seminary reforms mandated by John Paul II in the 1987 apostolic exhortation Pastores Dabo Vobis have taken hold, and while there is still hard work left to be done—not least in inculcating the art of preaching—seminary rectors and formators in many North Atlantic countries marvel at what they see here and hope to imitate it.

Catholic Colleges and Universities. Some of these are, indeed, Catholic wastelands. In others, there is a continual battle over sustaining a vibrant Catholic identity that prepares young men and women for missionary discipleship. Still others, however, are set firmly on the path of fostering intellectual rigor in an environment that supports ongoing and ever-deeper conversion to Christ. To name but a few, in alphabetical order: Thomas Aquinas College, Belmont Abbey College, Benedictine College, the Catholic University of America, Christendom College, the University of Dallas, the Franciscan University of Steubenville, the University of Mary.

Catholic Campus Ministry. We are in a Golden Age of Catholic campus ministry, evident in what some might regard as surprising places like Texas A&M University and North Dakota State University. The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), a direct outgrowth of World Youth Day 1993 in Denver, now sends 980 young missionaries, recent college graduates, to 202 campuses in six countries for peer-to-peer evangelization and catechesis. A high percentage of twenty-first-century vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life are nurtured by participation in on-campus FOCUS programs, and the number of fine Catholic marriages and families that FOCUS and other excellent Catholic campus ministries have nurtured is incalculable. The Thomistic Institute, run from the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, brings high-octane Catholic content to campuses from sea to shining sea.

Adult Catechesis and Formation. Here, too, the Church in the United States is a global leader. The Word on Fire ministry created by Bishop Robert Barron goes from strength to strength and has now developed a first-class publishing program to extend the work done by Ignatius Press and other premier Catholic publishers. The FORMED program of the Augustine Institute makes quality evangelization and catechetical materials available to parishes that take adult formation seriously. The Catholic Information Center in downtown Washington, D.C., is the heart of the New Evangelization in the nation’s capital. Then there is the work of intellectual and spiritual formation done by Legatus, the association of Catholic CEOs and professionals, and the Napa Institute.

The Reform of Consecrated Life. Vibrantly and joyfully orthodox American religious communities of women are growing: the Nashville Dominicans; the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist; the Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan; and the Sisters of Life are but four examples. The Dominican Province of St. Joseph is arguably the most dynamic religious congregation of men in the world.

Parishes and Schools. These have been the pastoral bedrock of U.S. Catholicism for over two centuries. They still are, and they have a vitality unmatched elsewhere. Moreover, our inner-city Catholic schools are likely the most effective anti-poverty program in the country. Lent is an annual invitation to reflect on how well the Church today is living the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. Thus, a suggestion for a different kind of Lenten fast: Give up Catholic bad news-mongering. The Holy Spirit is animating good things among us. They should be celebrated and supported.

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, March 24, 9:45 am Palm Sunday

Saint Edward Parish

Monday, March 25, 9:00 am

For those imprisoned

Tuesday, March 26, 9:00 am

+ Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family

Wednesday, March 27, 9:00 am

For the Church

Thursday, March 28, 5:30 pm

All Priest

Friday, March 29, 3:00 pm- The Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 30, 6:00pm

NO Mass

Sunday, March 31, 9:45 am Easter Sunday

Saint Edward Parish

Lector: Vol

EMHC: Mary H




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.



Stations of the Cross—2:30 pm in the Church

March 29

Stations of the Cross Leader

Volunteer

Holy Week Schedule

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



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.

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:
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.

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.

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).


<u>OUR PARISH OFFERING – Mar 16/17, 2024</u>	
Adults	\$ 7,766.00
Loose:	\$ 183.00
Total receipts:	\$ 7,949.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
Overage/Shortage:	\$ 3,999.00
<u>July 1, 2023 – Mar 17, 2024 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections</u>	
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.
Lake Odessa, MI, 48849

Thank you for your continued support of the church.

Counter April 7: Greg Zuver & Bill Sutton



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

K of C Raffle winners: 03/17/2024

1 st	Ben Halanski	\$ 175.00
2 nd	Robin Nurenberg	\$ 50.00
3 rd	Georgina Hill	\$ 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.

Catholics urged to pray ahead of Supreme Court Case
The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is asking people of goodwill to participate in a nationwide initiative to pray for an end to abortion and for the protection of women and pre-born children.

On March 26, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in a case that has the potential to make a major impact in the widespread accessibility of abortion pills (Chemical abortion). The case will address the availability of the abortion pill and its approved conditions of use. Chemical abortions are now the most common form of abortion in the United States.

The focused prayer effort begins March 25, the eve of the oral arguments, and the anniversary of St. John Paul II’s landmark, pro-life encyclical, The Gospel of Life (Evangelium vitae). **The U.S. Bishops ask Catholics to offer a daily prayer to St. Joseph, defender of life, from March 25 through June, when a decision in the case is expected.**

We’re looking for you!
Catholic schools, parishes, affiliated organizations, and the diocese are hiring! See available opportunities at: grdiocese.org/employment/