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# Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

## Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024  
 Saint Edward Church  
 531 Jordan Lake St.  
 Lake Odessa, MI 48849

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**Facebook:** Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

**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.



**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

**15 Monday: Easter Weekday**

Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

**16 Tuesday: Easter Weekday**

Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6b, 8a, 17, 21ab  
 Jn 6:30-35

**17 Wednesday: Easter Weekday**

Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a Jn 6:35-40

**18 Thursday: Easter Weekday**

Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

**19 Friday Easter Weekday**

Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117: 1-2 Jn 6:52-59

**20 Saturday Easter Weekday**

Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69

**21 Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 28-29 1Jn 3:1-2  
 Jn 10:11-18



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Council #14404  
 Chris Vinton, Grand Knight  
 Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday  
 of the Month.



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Pray for  
 the Unborn



Happy Third Sunday of Easter! Yes, it is only the third Sunday and yet already so many are rushing off to do other things instead of coming to Mass. So many other things they consider much more important. Jesus asks, "Why are you troubled? Why do questions arise in your hearts?" Jesus assures us that not only has he arisen, but that he has important missions for each of us. Many don't want it. Neither did the disciples. That is why Simon Peter said, "I am going fishing!" Others decided to go with him. This was not a simple couple hour of relaxing fishing. This was hard work. It was a return to their previous occupation before they met the Lord. It was difficult and lasted all night and into the next morning. It is no wonder Jesus, standing on the shore addresses them as children! "Children," Jesus asked, "Have you caught anything?" Jesus is alive. He has risen. We are called to believe. We are to announce this good news to the whole world.

This was true for the Apostles. It remains true for us today. The majority of people alive in the world today either don't know Christ or they reject him. Even in countries that are considered "Christian," He is rejected. Think of our country. He is not to be mentioned in the work place. He is not to be mentioned in schools. Mention Him and you get threatened with a lawsuit. Even more and more homes are removing Him from yards and fewer and fewer homes have statues and pictures of our Lord and our Blessed Mother displayed. Yet it is such a gift!

Jesus offered His Body to the Father on the altar of the cross as a sacrifice for us. He shed His Blood for our ransom and purification so that we may be redeemed from all bondage and cleansed from all sin. He left His Body and His Blood as food and drink for the faithful to consume in the form of bread and wine. O precious and wonderful banquet that brings us salvation and contains all sweetness! Could anything be of greater value? Here Christ Himself, the true God is set before us as our food! What could possibly be more wonderful? No other sacrament has greater healing power. Through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and our souls are enriched with an abundance of spiritual gifts. It is offered in the Church for the living and the dead. Yet in the end, no one can fully express the sweetness of this sacrament, in which spiritual delight is tasted at its very source, and in which we renew the memory of that surpassing love for us which Christ revealed in His passion.

It was to impress the vastness of this love more firmly upon the hearts of the faithful that our Lord instituted this sacrament at the Last Supper. As He was on the point of leaving the world to go to the Father, after celebrating the Passover with His disciples, He left it as a perpetual memorial of His passion. Know that this bread is the Body of Christ which hung upon the Cross, and in this Chalice, the Blood of Christ which flowed from His side. Take, therefore, and eat His Body; take and drink His Blood, and you will become members of His Body!

God bless you! Fr. Tom

## MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

### Sunday, April 14, 9:45 am

+ Lyle Sandbrook, sr. by Joe Hickey

### Monday, April 15, 9:00 am

For all Priest

### Tuesday, April 16, 9:00 am

For all Religious

### Wednesday, April 17, 9:00 am

For the poor

### Thursday, April 18, 12:10 pm

For the sick

### Friday, April 19, 09:00 am

For Connie, Norbert & Ruth

(who are celebrating their birthdays today)

### Saturday, April 20, 6:00pm

Saint Edward Parish

**Lector:** Rosann S.

**EMHC:** Pat S. & Mark D.

### Sunday, April 21, 9:45 am

+ Lico & Becky Galaviz by Scott & Monica Lewis and

David & Kristine Galaviz

**Lector:** Alan B.

**EMHC:** Mary H., Janice F., & Mary H.

### Request a Mass Intention

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.

### 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 May 10, the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Cor Prayer Group - Next Meeting Saturday May 11

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.

### 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](http://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.

### New Pictorial Directory

Just let families know you are planning on a new pictorial directory and the dates are May 30 through June 1. To schedule an appointment, see the sign-up sheet in the side entrance to Church or go to [ucdir.com](http://ucdir.com), church code: mi1920 and password: photos.

Thank you.

### Men of the Eucharist:

Strengthened in Christ – Responding with Joy

Pray for: All Priest

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](mailto:preynolds@grdiocese.org), to RSVP. Questions? Contact Father Stephen Durkee, director of priestly vocations, [sdurkee@grdiocese.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://stmarysl.org) or on the parish Facebook page.

## OUR PARISH OFFERING – Mar 30/31, 2024

Adults	\$ 3,742.00
Loose:	\$ 320.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 4,062.00</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
<b>Overage/Shortage:</b>	<b>\$ 112.00</b>

### July 1, 2023 – Mar 31, 2024 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 155,052.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 158,000.00
<b>Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>\$ (2,948.00)</b>

## OUR PARISH OFFERING – Apr 6/7, 2024

Adults	\$ 2,700.00
Loose:	\$ 191.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 2,891.00</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
<b>Overage/Shortage:</b>	<b>\$ ( 1,059.00)</b>

### July 1, 2023 – Apr 7, 2024 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 157,943.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 161,950.00
<b>Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>\$ (4,007.00)</b>

*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 21: Betsy Weiland & Mike Hickey**



Next Meeting will be on  
**Tuesday, May 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm.**

The Knights of Columbus, Counsel 14404 of St. Edward Parish, Lake Odessa would like to thank all parishioners who contributed to our M.R. (Tootsie Roll) Drive.

A special Thank You to the members of the Knights who worked on the collection, we raised \$1,968.00. This will be distributed to Freedom Acres and the Michigan Special Olympics.

Jerry Tomendl,

Chairman, M.R. Fund Drive

### Let Your Marriage Bloom!

Let your marriage bloom this spring at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! Attend in-person:

June 11-13 Maryville Retreat Center – Holly

For in-person, apply today at [wwme.org](http://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.