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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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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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.



28 Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 1 Jn 3:18-24
 Jn 15:1-8

29 Monday: Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26

30 Tuesday: Easter Weekday; Saint Pius V, Pope

Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13ab, 21 Jn 14:207-31a

01 Wednesday: Easter Weekday; Saint Joseph the Worker

Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:12-8

02 Thursday: Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

03 Friday: Saint Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14

04 Saturday: Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2,3,5 Jn15:18-21

05 Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98:1-4 1Jn 4:7-10
 Jn 15:9-17



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



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 Fri., & Sat., 8-12
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Pray for
 the Unborn

Anniversaries – May

Happy May Birthdays

02 Kristine Possehn
Connor Grinnell

03 Michael Wrubel
Allen Hamp
Beau Hibbs
Caleb Wilson

07 Robert King

08 Jace Carter

10 Donne Fetterhoff

13 Paula Clark
Matti Aldrich
Stephen Aldrich
Ella Radmacher

17 Gerald Tomandl

23 John Holtforth

24 Diana Cunningham

26 Carrie Haskin
Kyle Possehn

27 Sherry Agostinelli
Clare Haskin

29 Christopher Hibbs

04 Roger and Dee Manshum

16 Alan and Laura Davis

22 Maurico and Emily Burns

28 Chris and Darla Vinton

30 Allen and Diane Haskin



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 or call Chris and Darla Vinton at 517-667-0433.

Or try the new virtual experience via Zoom. 7 sessions; each 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.

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 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.

Choir Fest 2024 May 12 | 7 p.m.

St. Sebastian Catholic Church 9408 Wilson Ave, Byron Center, MI

Featuring:

St. Sebastian Adult Choir
St. Sebastian Praise & Worship Team
Grand Rapids Choral Society
Kentwood Community Choir
St. Sebastian Praise Band
Todd Wilkie, Collaborative Pianist

Admission is **FREE**.



On the night He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke the bread and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take and eat, this is My Body." Then He took the cup, gave thanks and said, "Take and drink, this is My Blood."

Since Christ Himself has declared the bread to be His Body, who can have any further doubt? Since He Himself has said quite categorically, *this is My Blood*, who would dare to question it and say it is not His Blood? Therefore, it is with complete assurance that we receive the Bread and the Wine as the Body and the Blood of Christ. His Body is given to us under the appearance of bread and His Blood is given to us under the appearance of wine, in order to make us by receiving them one Body and Blood with Him. Having His Body and Blood in ourselves, we become bearers of Christ. As St. Peter says, we are sharers in the divine nature.

This is important to remember. Normally when we eat food it is changed into becoming one with us. The consumed food becomes our muscle and our bone. It is now part of our body. When we consume the Body and Blood of Jesus that does not happen! Instead, we become part of Him. We, our body and soul, become part of the Body of Christ. Jesus focused on this. In the Gospel of John, chapter 6, Jesus insisted, "Unless you eat My Flesh and drink My Blood you shall have no life in you." This horrified many of His followers. They thought He was encouraging them to practice cannibalism. So, they left Him. Jesus let them leave! He didn't call them back! He didn't explain He didn't really mean it, that it was just a mere symbol! Instead, He turned to His Apostles and asked them if they also wanted to leave. They didn't understand either. But they stayed. As St. Peter said, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that You are the Holy One of God."

Do not then regard the Eucharist as ordinary bread and wine. They are in fact the Body and Blood of the Lord, as He Himself declared. Whatever your senses may tell you, be strong in the faith. You have been taught and you are firmly convinced that what looks and tastes like bread and wine is not bread and wine but the Body and Blood of Christ.

This is of great importance. Sometimes, someone will get upset with something the priest does. Or the music minister. Or the secretary. Or someone else on the parish staff. And so, they leave the parish. Think about this! Are you really ready to leave behind the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ because of something a human being has done?

Many years ago, I did this. But I came back. I came back because I missed the Body and Blood of Jesus. What about you?

May God bless you!
Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, April 28, 9:45 am

+ Marian Gillette by Cindy & Mary Gillette

Monday, April 29, 9:00 am

+ Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family

Tuesday, April 30, 9:00 am

For all Priest

Wednesday, May 1, 9:00 am

Saint Edward Parish

Thursday, May 2, 12:10 pm

For Seminarians

Friday, May 3, 9:00 am

Unborn Children

Saturday, May 4, 6:00pm

Saint Edward Parish

Lector: David B.

EMHC: Yvonne M., & Carolyn M.

Sunday, May 5, 9:45 am (First Communion)

Those receiving First Communion

Lector: Anne A.

EMHC: Janice F., Mike R., & Cindy G.

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.
May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Adorers Needed!!

We needed subs on the 1st Thursdays at 6-7pm.

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

Catholic Service Appeal-

If you have already turned in your CSA pledge card, Thank you. If you have not had the chance yet, please return your CSA pledge card this week to the office of make your pledge on-line at GRdiocese.org.

Our participation in the CSA as individuals and as a parish enables us to unite with all Catholics in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Through the blessings we've received, together we're able to fund important work that benefits our parish and the diocese programs that supports individuals, families and communities throughout our 11 counties.

Every gift, regardless of the amount, is important in this effort.

Please check your mailbox in the back of the Church to get your CSA Pledge Cards. We are looking for 100% participation, so please return your cards regardless of amount you are able to pledge.

Please remember that any amount over our goal is returned to our parish.

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 **May 2** (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.



R.C.I.A.

Please call with questions: 616-374-8340.

New Pictorial Directory

Just let you know; we will be taking photos for our new pictorial directory on 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, church code: **mi1920** and password: **photos**.

Thank you.

Save the Date 6/2/2024

On Corpus Christi Sunday, June 2, 2024 at 11 am, we invite our parish family to share in the love of the Eucharist and to learn more on what the apostles came to know at the Last Supper by watching, "**Presence – THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST**", in the family center. The retreat will include a FREE lunch along with 3 video presentations explaining THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST and a short discussion to follow. This will take place in the Family Center and conclude at 1:30 pm.

Limited seating so RSVP today! Sign-up sheets are located at each church entrance.

Men of the Eucharist:

Strengthened in Christ – Responding with Joy

Pray for Vocation

O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come to You.

Bless the Diocese of Grand Rapids with many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

Give your sons and daughters the confidence to accept Your call, and the love to follow always in the footsteps of Your beloved Son with courage and dedication to Your will.

Amen

Mark your calendars for the first-ever Catholic Schools Art Show! May 3 and 4

Student artwork from 20 of our Catholic schools will be on display at Cathedral Square Center, 360 Division Ave. S., Grand Rapids on Friday, May 3 from 3:30 p.m. -7 p.m. and Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Free parking is available in the parking garage next to the building. We hope you will join us to see the artistic talent of Diocese of Grand Rapids Catholic school students!

Art work from students of Saints Peter and Paul School, Ionia, will be shown.

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Apr 20/21, 2024

Adults	\$ 3,208.00
Loose:	\$ 201.00
Total receipts:	\$ 3,409.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
Overage/Shortage:	\$ (541.00)

July 1, 2023 – Apr 21, 2024 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 165,936.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 169,850.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ (3,914.00)

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 May 5: Janice F. & Mike Hickey



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

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.

Forged in Faith – An opportunity for men to grow in faith

Join us for "Forged in Faith" - an enriching evening of fellowship, spiritual growth, and brotherhood. Delve into the awe-inspiring cosmic epic that God has intricately woven, rediscover your purpose, and embrace the challenge that he is inviting you into.

Exclusively for men aged 21 and older, this event offers a meal of steak and potatoes, an opportunity to gather around the fire, share faith, fellowship, and engage in conversation that awakens the spirit.

Secure your spot for \$25, which covers dinner and the evening. Bring your lawn chair and beverage of choice. Registration deadline is Friday, May 10.

RSVP at saparish.com

EVENT DETAILS:

When: Friday, May 17th at 6PM

Where: St. Anthony parking lot

Who: Men ages 21 and older

How much: \$25 per person by **May 10, 2024**

Questions? Contact Zaven Mouradian

at zmouradian@saparish.com or (616) 453 -8229, ext. 106

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).