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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

The Ascension of the Lord

May 12, 2024
 Saint Edward Church
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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
 8 AM-2 PM

Closed Tuesdays & Fridays

MASS SCHEDULE:

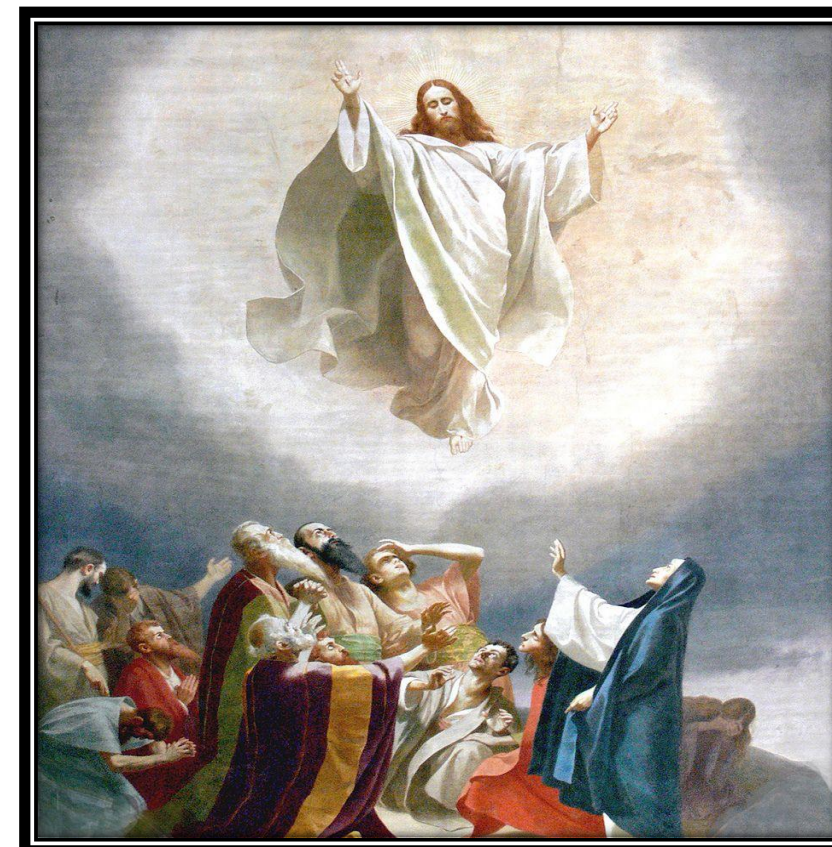
Saturday Vigil **6:00 PM**
 Sunday **9:45 AM**

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



12 Sunday: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17:23 Mk 16:15-20

13 Monday: Easter Weekday; Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3b, 4-5acd, 6-7b Jn 16:29-33

14 Tuesday: Saint Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17

15 Wednesday: Easter Weekday; Saint Isidore

Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b Jn 17:11b-19

16 Thursday: Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11 Jn 17:20-26

17 Friday: Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b Jn 21:15-19

18 Saturday: Easter Weekday; Saint John I, Pope, Martyr

Acts 28:16-20,30-31 Ps 11:4-5, 7 Jn 21:20-25

19 Sunday: PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1ab, 24ac, 29bc-30, 31, 34
 1Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23



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



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Pray for
 the Unborn

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 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.

According to the Gospel of St. Luke, the last gesture of Jesus during his life here on earth was to give a blessing. The Eleven disciples had gone, as Jesus told them to, from Galilee to the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem. On seeing the risen Lord once more, they fell down before him as their Master and their God and worshipped him. Now they are much more conscious of what they had believed in their hearts and confessed with their lips: that their Master was the promised Messiah. They were delighted and full of joy at having their Lord and God so near. After the forty days spent in his company, they could be witnesses to what they had seen and heard. The Holy Spirit would confirm in them the teachings of Jesus and would lead them to the complete truth.

The Lord spoke to them as only God could. Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to me." Jesus confirmed the faith of those who worshipped him and taught them that the power they were receiving was a sharing in his own divine power. The power to forgive sins. The power to bring about a rebirth through Baptism. This is the power of Christ himself and now he is giving it to his Church. The mission of the Church is to continue the work of Christ, to teach people divine truths, to make known the demands these truths impose, and to help people follow God's way through the grace of the sacraments.

Jesus said the them, "You shall receive power from on high when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all of Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." When He had said this, as they were looking, He was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. St. Luke describes this to us in the Acts of the Apostles. He withdrew from their sight little by little. The Apostles stayed there for a long while, looking up as Jesus ascended majestically until a cloud took Him out of their presence. It was the cloud that signified the presence of God. St. John Chrysostom says the cloud was a sign that Jesus had entered heaven.

Jesus life on earth finished not with his death on the cross but with his Ascension into Heaven. It is the last of the rosary mysteries of his life here on earth. It is a redemptive mystery which together with his Passion, Death, and Resurrection makes up the Paschal mysteries. It was fitting that those who saw Christ die amid insults, scoffing and mockery on the Cross should see Him now exalted. They see fulfilled now the words Jesus had one day spoken to them. "I am ascending now to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." He has gone to send to them and to us the Holy Spirit!

Jesus has gone to the Father. Two Angels in white approach as say, "Why do you stand looking up to heaven?" Peter and the others return to Jerusalem with great joy. It is fitting that Jesus should receive the homage and praise of all in heaven! Let us here on earth join in with them!!!

May God richly bless you!

Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, May 12, 9:45 am

+Ruth Spitzley by Janice Fyan

Monday, May 13, 9:00 am

+ Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family

Tuesday, May 14, 9:00 am

St Edward Parish

Wednesday, May 15, 9:00 am

+ Heather Pierce by Dick & Gayle Peacock

Thursday, May 16, 12:10 pm

Dalton Nelson by Grief Support Group

Friday, May 17, 9:00 am

Unborn Children

Saturday, May 18, 6:00pm

+ Don & Gert Arens by Ann Radamacher

Lector: Greg H.

EMHC: Yvonne M. & Carolyn M.

Sunday, May 19, 9:45 am

St Edward Parish

Lector: Anne A.

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

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.



"May the angels welcome you into paradise,
May the martyrs greet you on your way,
May you see the face of the Lord this day."

Please Pray for the soul of Kathleen Endres, who passed from death to life May 6, 2024.

"Eternal rest grant unto her, Oh Lord, may she rest in peace."

Happy Mother's Day

God,

Please bless all mothers with the wisdom, courage, patience, and – above all- love that they need to perform the holy work of raising children, and being a source of love and support for them in adulthood as well.

Please welcome into Your Heavenly Kingdom those mothers who have passed, and grant them everlasting joy, rest and serenity.

Amen

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 **June 6** (the first Thursday) at 1 PM in the family center library. If you would like information call Marsha @269-367-4403.

New Pictorial Directory

On May 30 through June 1 photos for our new pictorial directory will be taken. To schedule your 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.

Pray for Vocation

God our Father,

We thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen

Diocesan Synod Report Released

More than 80 people participated in listening sessions for the interim phase of the Synod on Synodality. This interim phase helps bridge the gap between the first session of the Ordinary General Assembly held in October 2023 and the second session which will occur in October 2024.

The Diocese of Grand Rapids hosted three listening sessions in March – at Cathedral Square Center, at St. Patrick – St. Anthony Parish, Grand Haven, and the Catholic Newman Center in Big Rapids.

Summaries of those meetings were analyzed and synthesized into a diocesan report that was submitted to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The diocesan report and the report for Region VI (Michigan and Ohio) are now available on the

OUR PARISH OFFERING – May 4/5, 2024

Adults	\$ 3,277.00
Loose:	\$ 431.00
Total receipts:	\$ 3,708.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
Overage/Shortage:	\$ (242.00)

July 1, 2023 – May 5, 2024 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 173,657.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 177,750.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ (4,093.00)

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 May 26: Betsy Weiland & Joe Hickey



Next Meeting will be on
Tuesday, June 10, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Cor Prayer Group - Next Meeting Saturday June 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.

CSA Update

To date, our parishioners have contributed \$ 23,970.00. This is 72% of our parish goal. We have received pledge cards from 43 families. Our goal is 100% participation which means we would appreciate you completed pledge card this week, regardless of your level of participation.

Remember that any amount collected over the goal will stay in the parish.

Thank you again for your generosity!

Lakewood Lions Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q

The Lions Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q will be on Sunday, June 2, 2024 from 3:00 pm until 5:30pm at the Lake Odessa Beach Pavilion. Take-out ONLY with Drive-up service on Virginia Street.

Advance Tickets: Adults - \$13 Children - \$8
At-the Door: Adults- \$14 Children - \$8

Proceeds to Lions Club projects.

Purchase tickets from any Lions Members, Walker's pharmacy, Lake Odessa Pharmacy, Jordan Lake Floral, and Viking Chiropractic.