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# Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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.



**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

**06 Monday: Easter Weekday**

Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Jn 15:26—16:4a

**07 Tuesday: Easter Weekday**

Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Jn16:5-11

**08 Wednesday: Easter Weekday**

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Ps 141:1-2, 11-14 Jn 16:12-15

**09 Thursday: Easter Weekday**

Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 16;16-20

**10 Friday: Easter Weekday; Saint John Avila, Priest, Doctor of the Church**

Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23a

**11 Saturday: Easter Weekday**

Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 Jn 16:23b-28

**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



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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

**Visiting our Lord?**

During this past week we have had repeated stories of many violent earthquakes hitting the United States and beyond. Oklahoma, Nebraska, Californian, Texas, Alaska, and yes, even Hawaii along with surrounding states have been hit. Repeatedly. When, not if, will the next one strike? In our state? Nearby? As we live through these it calls to mind another time...

Fr. Etlin, O.S.B. wrote "During the reign of the Roman Emperor Justinian in the year 527 A.D., the city of Antioch was repeatedly shaken by violent earthquakes. People found no other means of safety than that of inscribing on their doors the words which were revealed to a faithful servant of God: *Christus nobiscum; state!* 'Christ is with us; stand firm.' All the houses whose doors bore this inscription are said to have been preserved from the ruin which threatened them, while the others were shattered and crushed.

It is similar with those souls who love and serve God. In the midst of a Godless world there is but one means of preservation from eternal ruin, one means of perseverance in the great tribulation of life---faithful adherence to the Most Blessed Sacrament, to the God-man concealed beneath the form of bread and wine. The words, 'Jesus Christ is with me; stand firm,' should be engraved in the heart of every Christian. Protected by this shield, the servants of God will remain firm in the Faith, even though all about them totter and fall.

Our devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament must be true and tender. It must show itself by our participating at Holy Mass---not only on Sundays, but also on weekdays as far as our duties of state allow. Above all, our love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist must manifest itself by a frequent reception of Holy Communion, by visits to the 'Prisoner in the Tabernacle,' and by a penetrating faith in this Mystery of Love.

In a word, our life must be a life in Christ, rooted in the Holy Eucharist. With St. Ignatius we must be able to say, 'To withdraw from creatures and repose with Jesus in the Tabernacle is my delight. There I can hide myself and seek rest. There I find a life which I cannot describe, a joy which I cannot make others comprehend, a peace such as is found only under the hospitable roof of our best Friend.'

'Jesus in the Tabernacle protects me against all my enemies: against the evil spirits, the world, my own wicked passions and evil inclinations. He is my support in weakness, my comfort in suffering, my weapon in combat, my refreshment in heat, food for my hungry soul, my stimulus when I am exhausted. He is my heaven on earth. Jesus in the Tabernacle is my riches in poverty, my defense in calumny, my crown in misfortune. Jesus in the Tabernacle is my God and my All!'

Jesus willingly awaits your visit, day after day here in our church. Will you take some time out of your week to come and visit with Him?

May God bless you!

Fr. Tom

**MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS****Sunday, May 5, 9:45 am**

Those receiving First Communion

**Monday, May 6, 9:00 am**

For Saint Edward Parish

**Tuesday, May 7, 9:00 am**

For all Priest

**Wednesday, May 8, 9:00 am**

Terri Walliczek

**Thursday, May 9, 12:10 pm**

Bill Barker (For healing) by Dick & Gayle Peacock

**Friday, May 10, 9:00 am**

+ Bob Stadel by Marsha Stadel

**Saturday, May 11, 6:00pm**

+ Fredrick & Phyllis Beckhold by Brody & Arura Beckhold and

Nick & Leah Zurawski

**Lector:** Pat St. Amour

**EMHC:** Dave B. & Carolyn M.

**Sunday, May 12, 9:45 am**

+ Ruth Spitzley by Janice Fyan

**Lector:** Kathy C.

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

**Adoration**

Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.  
May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

*Adorers Needed!!*

We needed subs on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 6-7pm.

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

# Congratulations

Caleb Wilson

Ty McClure

Alivia Monroe

Millie Spitzley

On receiving your  
First Holy Communion  
May 5, 2024

**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](http://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

**Sing of Mary**

A tribute to our Blessed Virgin  
Mother through music and prayer

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church  
Ionia, MI  
3:00pm

Light refreshments to follow  
A free will offering will be collected

**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).

**OUR PARISH OFFERING – Apr 27/28, 2024**

Adults	\$ 3,855.00
Loose:	\$ 158.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 4,013.00</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
<b>Overage/Shortage:</b>	<b>\$ 63.00</b>

**July 1, 2023 – Apr 28, 2024 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections**

Year-to-Date:	\$ 169,949.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 173,800.00
<b>Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>\$ (3,851.00)</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.  
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*Thank you for your continued support of the church.*

**Counter May 12: Greg Zuver & Carole Heinze**



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

*Thank you* to everyone that helped with beautifying the Church's landscape on Saturday April 27.

**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](http://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](mailto:zmouradian@saparish.com) or (616) 453 -8229, ext. 106