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Be not of those who think perfection consists in undertaking many things, but of those who place it in doing well what little they do, for it is much better to do little and do it well, than to undertake much and do it ill. Yes, little and good, this is the best. Therefore, if we wish to advance, or when we wish to give some special honor to Our Lord, we have to redouble not our exercises, but the perfection with which we perform them.----St. Francis de Sales

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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 11, 2024
Saint Edward Church
531 Jordan Lake St.
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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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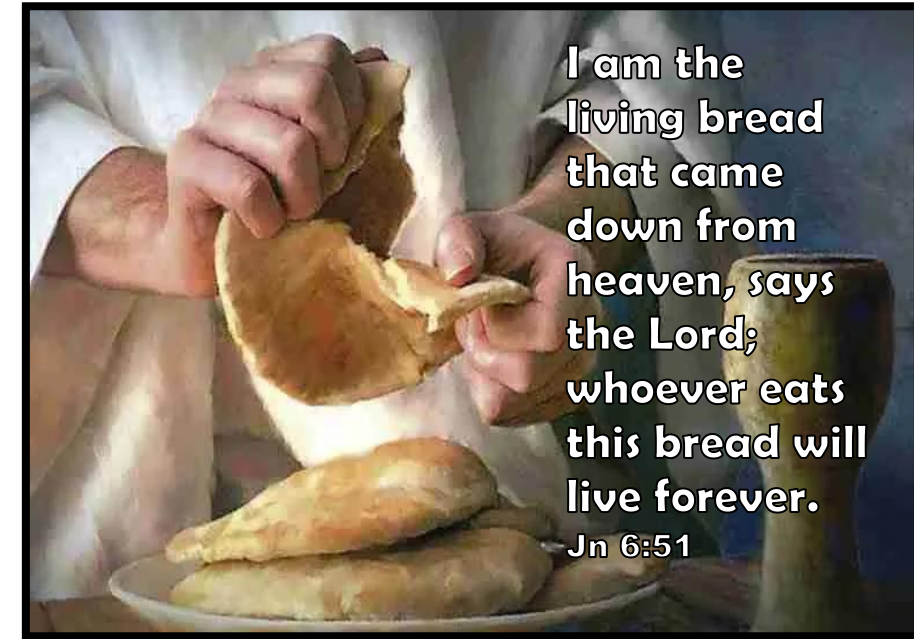
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



11 Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8 Ps 34:2-9 Eph 4:30—5:2 Jn 6:41-51

12 Monday: Weekday;

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 Mt 17:22-27

13 Tuesday: Weekday;

Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyr

Ez 2:8—3:4 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Mt 18: 1-5,10, 12-14

14 Wednesday: Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Ps 113:1-6 Mt 18:15-20

15 Thursday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19z; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10bc, 11-12ab, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:36-56

16 Friday: Weekday; Saint Stephen of Hungary

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Mt 19:3-12

17 Saturday: Weekday

Ez 18:1-10, 3b, 30-32 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 Mt 19:13-15

18 Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 9:1-6 Ps 34:2-7 Eph 5:15-20 Jn 6:51-58

Compassion and Confession

We love our Lord Jesus Christ so much. He is both divine and human. We love reading and rereading stories about Him in Sacred Scripture, especially stories of his miraculous healing. But I suspect we sometimes get so caught up in his divinity that we forget about his humanity. Remember the Second Person of the Trinity emptied Himself and became a human being, like us in all things except sin. We, or at least I, at times, forget about his humanity. Being fully human, He experienced all the things we as humans do. He had growing pains. He had hunger and sorrow. Especially the sorrow. He wept when his foster father, Joseph died. We know He wept at the grave of Lazarus. He wept over the coming destruction of Jerusalem. And as his close friend and relative, St. John the Baptist was killed, he wept. He was murdered. Beheaded. And John's head was given to Herodias as a trophy! Is it any wonder that Jesus is weeping? He wants to get away from everyone. To go off to mourn John's death and seek God's healing help. "When Jesus heard of this, he withdrew by boat from there to a deserted place by himself" (Matthew 14:13). But he cannot get away. He is too popular with the people.

Matthew tells us of how the crowds heard of it and rushed off to the deserted place Jesus was going. It was a huge crowd. Thousands and thousands. Five thousand men not counting all the women and the children. Some just wanted to see this man who they had been hearing such incredible stories about his healing with just a word or a touch. Many others had their own complaints that they wanted him to heal. And so, they came. What do you think Jesus thought of when he saw the vast crowd?

If it had been me, I would have never come ashore! "Keep paddling! Keep paddling! We will find a different spot with no people!" But no, Jesus comes ashore with them. His heart is moved to pity for them. He begins to teach and heal them, one after another, the crowds never decreasing, hour after hour. Ignoring his own hurt and woundedness, Jesus keeps healing people.

What of us? We have various miraculous physical healings down through the centuries reported and verified by the Church. These are great, but the really great gift we have is those of the spirit. After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to the apostles in the upper room and said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Then He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven them; if you hold them bound, they are held bound." This gift from Jesus is what we know as the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is the forgiveness of our sins.

St. Barnabas writes, "We must flee from all vanity. Do not turn inward and live only for yourselves as though already assured of salvation...Let us become a perfect dwelling place for God...We must never relax our efforts as though our calling were already realized. Let us never fall asleep in a state of sin, lest the prince of wickedness gain power over us and snatch us away from the kingdom of the Lord."

Let us use this great gift we have from Jesus of the sacrament of confession and receive once again his gift of forgiveness. Let us be ready to rush to Him and be received with open arms.

May God bless you!

Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, August 11, 9:45 am

+ Chuck Helsper (Bob & Carol Rasche)

Monday, August 12, 9:00 am

+Eliel & Celia Gomez

Tuesday, August 13, 11:00 am (Funeral Mass)

+ William Helsper

Wednesday, August 14, 9:00 am

+Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family

No Adoration or Confessions on Aug. 15

Thursday, August 15, 10 am

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Thursday, August 15, 7 pm

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**Solemnity
of the
Assumption**



Friday, August 16, 9:00 am

+ Betty Rodriguez (Bert Walliczek)

Saturday, August 17, 6:00 pm

+ Fredrick & Phyllis Beckhold

(Brody & Aurora Beckhold and Nick & Leah Zurawski)

Lector: Pat St. A.

EMHC: Yvonne M., & Carolyn M.

Sunday, August 18, 9:45 am

+Kathy Rottet (Robert & Carol Rasche)

Lector: Alan B.

EMHC: Cindy G., Alan B., & Cindy G

Mass Time Changes

August 13- 11 am – Funeral Mass for William Helsper

August 15- 10 am and 7 pm – Solemnity of the Assumption

Request a Mass Intention

Intention may be for the living or deceased (+). This provides 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.

August 1, 8, 22, & 30

Adorers Needed!!

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

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

"Stop murmuring," Jesus told the disciples in today's gospel. Complaining is a dead-end and constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don't make them personal attacks.

"Taken up into heaven, Mary shows us the way to God, the way to heaven, the way to life."

~~ St. Pope John Paul II

Please Pray for:

Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong, Manuel 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

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, September 5** at 1:00 pm in the library. If you would like information, please call Marsha at 269-367-4403.

K-12 FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is underway and we invite all 7th and 8th graders between the ages of 13 and 15+ as well as any Faith Formation student that missed out on the last class.

Parent and Candidate meeting will take place on 9/29/24 at 11 am in the Family Center library. This is a **MANDATORY** meeting to take part in the Confirmation ceremony in the Fall of 2025. Please mark your calendars and RSVP, if you haven't already done so, by calling Fredia at 374-7253 x4.

Faith Formation starts on Sept. 8. Registration forms will be in the entryways and online. Please have forms returned to the Faith Formation Department or mailbox by Aug. 30th.

Feast and Celebrations- Growing in Faith™

August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal (1641). Born wealthy in Dijon, France, Jane married the Baron de Chantal and had four children. Widowed after only seven years, she founded the Order of the Visitation with St. Francis de Sales, for those unable to enter a convent.

August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption. Declared a dogma of faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, this celebrates Mary's being taken up into Heaven, body and soul at the end of her life. Today is a holy day of obligation.

August 19 - St. John Eudes (1680). Born on a farm in Normandy, France, John became a priest and parish missionary. He founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (Eudists) in 1643 to promote devotion to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts.

August 24 – St. Bartholomew the Apostle (1st Century). Bartholomew is thought by some scholars to be the Apostle, Nathanael (John 1:46). After Jesus's Ascension, Nathanael spread Christianity to India and Armenia, where he was martyred

God's Kitchen is in desperate need of protein. Can you help?

God's Kitchen served more than 75,000 hot meals in 2023 to those in need in West Michigan, and the numbers continue to increase. With food costs rising significantly, we need help getting our protein restocked so we can continue to serve our community.

We have a desperate need to restock meats including ground beef, roasts, frozen chicken, frozen fish, canned meats, and more.

Please help us feed the hungry in West Michigan by donating anytime Monday-Friday from 9am– 3pm at 303 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids.

Questions? Contact Jeff Hoyh at (616) 454-4110 or jhoyh@ccwestmi.org

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Aug 3-4., 2024

Adults	\$ 3,593.00
Loose:	\$ 1,116.00
Total receipts:	\$ 4,709.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,850.00
Overage/Shortage:	\$ 859.00

July 1, 2024 – Aug 4, 2024 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 19,885.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 19,250.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ 635.00

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, placed in the locked black mailbox 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 August 18: Cindy Gillette & Joe Hickey



The next Meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 13, at 7 pm.**

The Knights of Columbus Recycling Trailer is open for business. Please drop off your pre-sorted glass bottles, aluminum cans, and Michigan-approved recyclable plastic bottles (check the label).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences

Add a little spring to your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! Grow your marriage and your faith! Apply today at www.me.org or contact Chris & Darla at 517-667-0433.

Sept. 6-8 in Holly, MI Oct. 4-6 in Petoskey

WME Sharing Group- The next meeting: September 13

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 the 2nd Friday of the month, at 7 pm in the basement.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris and Darla Vinton at 410-487-5226.

Are you looking for healing? Join Catholic Charities West Michigan for a Project Rachel retreat – Nov. 1-3.

During the weekend, trained volunteers will work with you and your unique story, surrounding you with support and encouragement. This retreat exists to help you experience relief, rest, and healing through a supportive, trauma-sensitive approach.

Experience the transformative freedom of forgiveness and healing. There is hope after abortion. For more information or to register, call 616-340-1824 or email projectrachel@ccwestmi.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Televised Sunday Mass:

Join us each week for the live broadcast at 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: www.facebook.com/DioceseofGrandRapids/.