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*Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church*

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**August 25, 2024**  
Saint Edward Church  
531 Jordan Lake St.

Lake Odessa, MI 48849

**Pastor:** Father Tom Brown  
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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

**Secretary:** Katherine Martin 616-374-7253

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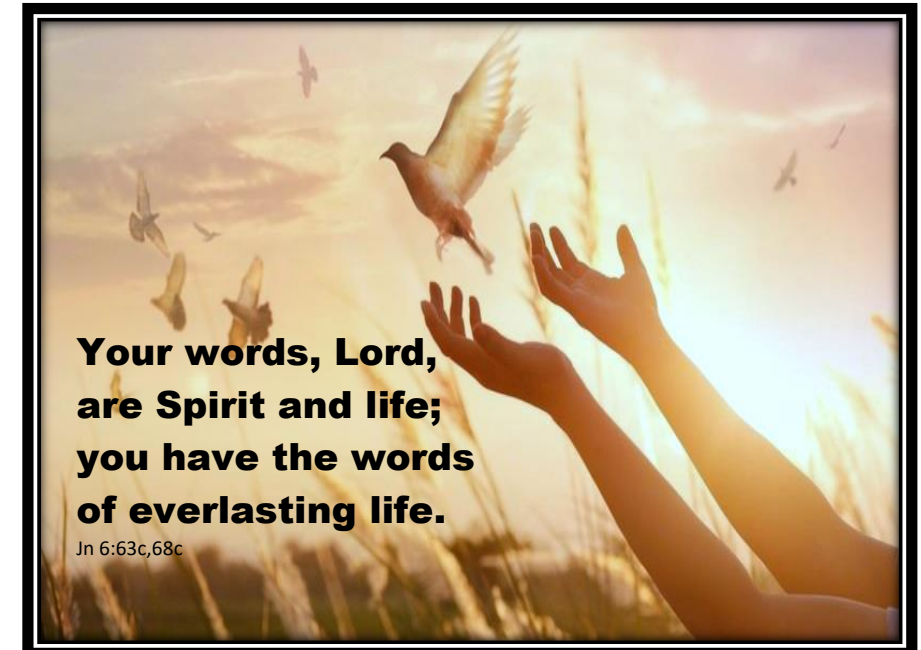
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**Pastoral Council:** Kathy Carnegie, Colleen  
King, and Fredia Wernette

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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.



**Your words, Lord,  
are Spirit and life;  
you have the words  
of everlasting life.**

Jn 6:63c,68c

**25 Sunday: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17- 8b Ps 34:2-3, 16-21 Eph 5:21-32 Jn 6:60-96

**26 Monday: Weekday**

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 Ps 96:1-5 Mt 23:13-22

**27 Tuesday: Saint Monica**

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Ps 96:10-13 Mt 23:23-26

**28 Wednesday: Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 Mt 23:27-32

**29 Thursday: The Passion of John the Baptist**

1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-7 Mk 9:17-29

**30 Friday: Weekday**

1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Mt 25:1-13

**31 Saturday: Weekday**

1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13, 18-21 Mt 25:14-30

**01 Sunday: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dt :1-2, 6-8 Ps 15:2-5 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



**Sacraments**

The children of Saints Peter & Paul School have returned for another year and soon the children at St. Edward Preschool will also be back in session. They will have many new and exciting learning experiences. This is true for all children in all schools, public and private. The difference here is that we are a Catholic school. Along with the “three R’s”, we have a fourth...Religion. We seek to pass on our faith. As bearers of the Good News, the Gospel, we seek to bring others to Christ through Word and Sacrament.

The Spanish describe the sacraments as “encuentro con Cristo,” --- encounters with Christ. There are many ways to meet Jesus. While there are many different ways to describe our sacraments, this one is both accurate and simple. Because they are encounters with Christ our sacraments provide powerful help as we travel to eternity. We need all the help we can get because it is a one-time-only trip. I know I do! There is no other journey as important as this one. It is amazing and frightening that sometimes otherwise intelligent people will leave this to chance both for themselves and for their children. God gives us much help on our journey of life here on Earth. There are seven very special ones we call the sacraments. Which ones don't you need?!!

The first help is Baptism. Baptism serves a dual purpose. First, it purifies us of all sins. In the case of small children and infants, they are freed from original sin. For older children and adults, it includes both forgiveness of original sin and all of their personal sins up to and including their baptism. This delights many converts. They don't need to confess past sins in the confessional. They have all been forgiven. Second, the Bible tells us through Baptism, we become a member of the family of God, of the Body of Christ, of the Church, and a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Another most precious gift is the sacrament of Holy Communion, the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! For many years, God had fed the Israelites in the desert with manna on their journey to the Promised Land. This ended when they arrived in Palestine, their promised land. Jesus returned to his Father after his resurrection and gave us not only his Word, the Bible, but also the Eucharist. The food given in the desert was a sign of the living food, the true food He would give to his Church in the Eucharist. God nourishes us and gives us eternal life with his gift of Holy Communion.

Through the other sacraments and in many other ways, God pours out grace to help us to grow in holiness and attain our goal of life with him in heaven forever.

We are members of a 2000-year-old Church that has produced saints in every century, has endured and overcome scandals, and filled the world with schools, hospitals, orphanages, and all matters of charitable works and programs. The plan of the Church is to help you to become a saint. Not a member of the Church? There is a beautiful program called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. For more information call the church office. Already a member but missed some sacraments along your way? Give us a call. Together let's share another encounter with Christ!

God bless you!  
Fr. Tom

**MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS**

**Sunday, August 25, 9:45 am**

+ Betty Rodriguez (Rosemary Hickey)

**Monday, August 26, 9:00 am**

Teresa Kelly (Ruth O'Mara)

**Tuesday, August 27, 9:00 am**

+ Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family

**Wednesday, August 28, 9:00 am**

Connie Goble (Prayer Partner)

**Thursday, August 29, 12:10 pm**

+ Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family

**Friday, August 30, 9:00 am**

All Teachers and Students

**Saturday, August 31, 6:00 pm**

St. Edward Parish

**Lector:**

**EMHC:**

**Sunday, September 1, 9:45 am**

+William Helsper (Joe Hickey & Family)

**Lector:**

**EMHC:**



**Adoration**

Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.  
September 5, 12, 19, & 26

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



**Parish Picnic**

September 8, 2024

1:00 pm

Family Center

Family Fun, Fellowship, and Food

**Thank You-**

The Helsper Family sincerely thanks the congregation of St. Edward Church for the beautiful funeral service and for honoring the memory of William Helsper.

**Did you attend the National Eucharistic Congress?**

Bishop Walkowiak invites all pilgrims who made their way to Indianapolis to a special follow-up gathering. On September 4 at 6 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew, Grand Rapids Michigan. Our first hour together will be with Jesus in adoration, followed by a reception at Cathedral Square Center where we'll have time to socialize and discuss the next steps for the Year of Mission. How can we all go forth to be missionaries for Christ in our diocese? Please RSVP for planning purposes: [surveymonkey.com/r/EucharisticPilgrims](https://surveymonkey.com/r/EucharisticPilgrims)

**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](http://grdiocese.org) or the diocesan Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/DioceseofGrandRapids/](https://www.facebook.com/DioceseofGrandRapids/).

**Please Pray for:**

Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong, Manuel Rodriguez, Julie Sutton VanLiew, those who have asked for prayers, & the homebound.



If you want 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 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) 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.

**Cor Men's Group**

Join us as the Cor Men's Group resumes on Saturday, September 14, at 8:00 AM. This is a great opportunity to deepen your faith and build strong connections with other Catholic men in our parish community.

For more information contact Andrew Coates at (269) 838-4418.

**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 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**St. Isidore Parish invites you to their Eucharistic Festival**

Join the parish community of St. Isidore in Grand Rapids to celebrate the Real Presence in the Eucharist on September 14, 2024. The day begins at 7:45 a.m. with Mass celebrated by Bishop Walkowiak. Sister Faustina Maria and Sister Lillian Emmanuel, from Sisters of the Children of Mary, will present Revelations to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. The day concludes with a video presentation of a talk given by Blessed Carlo Acutis' mother.

**Please RSVP by Sept. 10 for planning purposes.** You can RSVP here: [saintisidorechurch.org/eucharistic-festival](http://saintisidorechurch.org/eucharistic-festival)

**A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar**

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks of eating His flesh and blood. Parents can identify with this, for they often feel devoured by all the demands of family life. This is unavoidable for children to grow in the soil of sacrificial love. Parenting is not part-time work. It is a consuming lifetime commitment.

**OUR PARISH OFFERING – Aug 17-18, 2024**

Adults	\$ 2,800.00
Loose:	\$ 769.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 3,569.00</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,850.00
<b>Overage/Shortage:</b>	<b>\$ ( 281.00)</b>

**July 1, 2024 – Aug 18, 2024 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections**

Year-to-Date:	\$ 27,952.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 26,950.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ 1,002.00

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 September 1: Janice Fyan & Carole Heinze**



The next Meeting will be on  
**Tuesday, September 10, 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).

**Saints Peter & Paul - "Discovering Christ"**

Have you ever thought about the meaning of life, the purpose of our existence? Or have you ever wondered what the Catholic Christian faith is all about? Maybe asking why Jesus is important to us now and what can point to God's existence? Discovering Christ provides us with thought-provoking responses to these and many more questions, exploring the basics of the Catholic Christian faith. Run over seven weeks, each session looks at a different question that people have had about the faith and is designed to promote honest and open conversations about life's biggest questions. If you are searching for answers, this can be the place to start

"Discovering Christ" Schedule  
Sunday Evenings, September 22—November 10  
SS. Peter & Paul Parish, 434 High St., Ionia



**Register Today! 3 ways:**

1. Scan the QR code and complete the online registration form.
2. Access the online registration form at the link provided on our parish website ([www.saintspeterandpaulionia.org](http://www.saintspeterandpaulionia.org)) or Facebook page (Saints Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church), and complete the form.
3. Complete a paper registration form, available in the church, and deposit it in the basket provided on the Discovering Christ info table or the collection basket, or drop it off/mail it to the parish office (434 High St., Ionia, MI 48846). You can also email a scanned copy to [tmckay@sspccatholic.com](mailto:tmckay@sspccatholic.com).