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*Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church*

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**January 19, 2025**

Saint Edward Church  
531 Jordan Lake St.  
Lake Odessa, MI 48849

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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. **9:00 AM**

Thursday **12:10 PM**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Thursday **6:30 PM-7:30 PM**

Tuesday **8 am**  
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.

**19 Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

**20 Monday: Weekday; Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr**

Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 2:18-22

**21 Tuesday: Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr**

Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c Mk 2:23-28

**22 Wednesday: Weekday**

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 3:1-6

**23 Thursday: Weekday; Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr**

Heb 7:25—8:6 Ps 40:7-10, 17 Mk 3:7-12

**24 Friday: Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8, 10-14 Mk 3:13-19

**25 Saturday: The Conversion of Saint Paul, The Apostle**

Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1b-2 Mk 16:15-18

**26 Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Neh 8:2-4a,5-6, 8-10 Ps 19:8-10, 15 1 Cor 12:12-30

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



**Wedding Feast**

A week ago, it was the last day of Christmas. Just as the shepherds returned to their flocks and the Magi returned to their homes, we too had to “leave the stable” and return to our lives. This is what we call ordinary time. Like us, Jesus lived a fairly ordinary childhood and adolescence. In fact, it seems so ordinary that the Bible says nothing about it except for the incident at the temple in Jerusalem when he was 12 years old. Scholars often refer to these years as the hidden life of our Lord. But now things are changing rapidly for Jesus. And for Mary. At some point Joseph had died. Jesus never married, which is very unusual for his society. He must have continued working as a carpenter to support himself and his widowed mother. But now at 30 years of age, he has left home, was baptized by his cousin John, spent time in the desert and has gathered his first disciples.

Back at home, Mary has been adjusting to changes as well. First, her husband died and now her son has left home. Unlike today, when we can quickly visit over long distances thanks to modern transportation or at least are just a phone call away, Mary must have had little contact with her beloved son. The Bible makes no mention of her at the river Jordan for Jesus’ baptism. Immediately following that, Jesus went into the desert for 40 days and nights. It is doubtful that Mary had any idea where he was. Was she lonely without her son after all these years? Surely the house must have seemed empty and quiet...Now; she has received an invitation to a wedding! As she travelled the road, did she know her son would be there as well? Probably not. But she must have wondered...and hoped! And he was! How she must have rejoiced. But then a problem developed...

The wedding feast at Cana, following the custom of the time, must have lasted for several days. Food and wine in great quantities would have been consumed as songs and toasts, probably similar to those found in the Song of Solomon, were made to the new couple. Then, at this high point of the celebration, they ran out of wine. A huge embarrassment for the wedding family. What a social faux pas it must have been! Quietly and without drawing any attention, a very concerned and compassionate Mary steps in. She hurries to her son. “They have no wine!” she announces to him. Our Lord’s response may seem harsh to our ears. “O woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.” Here the problem of translation rears its head. The literal phrase, “what to me and to you” is a Semitic formula that lacks any friendly tone found in English. Some scholars have suggested, “dear woman, what is that to you and me?” as a more accurate way to express in our language the exchange between Jesus and Mary.

Now comes the part I really love. What all this comes down to is Jesus has said it is not yet his time. Jesus knows that if he intervenes, everything will change. But this is mom asking. And his mother trusts him completely. Even though it is not his time, this is his mother asking for him to do something, anything to help. “Do whatever he tells you”, she instructs the servants. They must have wondered what was going on. Their confusion deepens as Jesus acts. “Fill these jugs with water, and then take some to the head waiter,” he instructs. Can you hear their thoughts? Water! Why? What they need is wine, not water! But they obey. And Jesus, for the sake of his mother and the young couple, changes both time and water. It was not his time, but he changes time. At his mother’s request to do something, he changes it to his time as he miraculously changes also the water into wine.

This wedding at Cana is a tremendous example not only of our Lord’s compassion and power, but also of a mother’s intercession. We often pray to Jesus for our families and friends. This is a good thing. Keep it up. But I often wonder. Since it wasn’t his time, if anyone other than Mary had approached him with this request, what would Jesus have done? We will never know. But we do know what he did for his mother. So, we too, in addition to our prayers also address prayers to Mary, asking her to pray to her Son for us.

God bless you! Fr. Tom

**MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS**

Sunday, January 19, 9:45 am  
 + Alice Jean Shields (Grief Support Group)  
Monday, January 20, 9:00 am  
 Saint Edward Church  
Tuesday, January 21, 9:00 am  
 +Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family  
Wednesday, January 22, 9:00 am  
 +Eldeltraud Gerhards (Bert Walliczek)  
Thursday, January 23, 12:10 pm  
 Kristi O’Mara (Ruth O’Mara)  
Friday, January 24, 9:00 am

**No Mass**

Saturday, January 25, 6:00 pm  
 Dorr & Hellen Bissel (Roger & Dee Manshum)  
 Lector: Pat St. Amour  
 EMHC: Yvonne & Carolyn M.  
Sunday, January 26, 9:45 am  
 Saint Edward Parish  
 Lector: Kathy C.  
 EMHC: Mike R., Mary H., & Carole H.

**No Friday Masses-**

There will be no daily Masses on Fridays at St. Edward and SS. Peter & Paul until further notice. Fr. Tom Brown and his sisters are taking turns caring for their mother round-the-clock.

**Adoration**

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



Adorers Schedule for January 16

6-7 pm Cindy & Mary Gillette; Mary Endres  
 7-8 pm Andrew Coates: **Open**  
 We need one more adorer for 7- 8 pm.

We are looking for adorers for 7- 8 pm on the first, third, fourth and fifth Thursdays of the month and 6-7 pm on the fourth and fifth Thursday. There is supposed to be 2 adorers at all times. Prayerful ponder, spending **one hour** a month in adoration of our Lord? If you can contact Suzanne King at 269-271-6406 for more information.

**Cor Men’s Group- The next meeting: February 15**

Join us as the Cor Men’s Group at 8:00 am. For more information contact Andrew Coates at (269) 838-4418.

**WME Sharing Group- The next meeting: February**

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 or Darla Vinton at 410-487-5226.

**A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar**

At Cana we get a good insight into Mary’s parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

**Please Pray for:**

Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong, Manuel Rodriguez, Julie Sutton VanLiew, Pamula Pontis, and those who have asked for our prayers.



*If you want to add a name, please call or contact the office. Be sure you have the consent of the person or the family member.*

**Grief Support Group**

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, February 6**, at 1:00 pm, in the library. If you would like information, please call Marsha at 269-367-4403.

**K-12 FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION**

Faith Formation will be at 11 am on Sunday. Contact Fredia if you have any questions.

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
05. Faith Formation Class	02. Faith Formation Class
12. Faith Formation Class	09. No Faith Formation
19. No Faith Formation Class	15. Faith Formation Class
26. Faith Formation Class	22. Faith Formation Class

**OCIA (RCIA) 2024-2025**

O.C.I.A. is for Baptized adults who haven’t received all the Sacraments, spouses of Catholics who would like to enter the Church, or any adult who wants to learn about Catholicism & all it offers. We meet in an informal atmosphere from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at 753 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

- 1-22 Eucharist Fr. Tom
- 1-29 Reconciliation Andrew
- 2-05 Marriage Suzanne
- 2-12 Confirmation Alan
- 2-19 Mary & the Communion of Saints Gary
- 2-26 Holy Orders & the Anointing of the Sick Fr. Tom
- 3-12 Last 4 things Death, Judgement, Heaven, Hell & Purgatory Jerry
- 3-19 Virtues Cardinal & Theological Anne
- 3-26 Prayer Jerry
- 4-02 Trinity & the Incarnation Andrew
- 4-09 Paschal Mystery Gary

Please call Ann with questions at 616-374-8340.

**Living and Loving the Faith**

Join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8 pm at 753 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Lake Odessa. In this weekly class, we’ll uncover the great spiritual treasure within our Catholic faith and learn how to live that faith boldly in an increasingly secular culture.

Please call 616-374-8340 with any questions.

- January 22 The Sacrament of Marriage
- January 29 The Universal Call to Mission
- February 05 The Beatitudes: Pathways to Holiness
- February 12 The Moral Life: Forming a Catholic Conscience
- February 19 Catholic Social Teaching: Faith in Action the Modern World

**OUR PARISH OFFERING – Jan 4/5, 2025**

Adults	\$ 7,100.00
Loose:	\$ 269.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 7,369.00</b>
Budgeted Weekly:	\$ 3,850.00
<b>Overage/Shortage:</b>	<b>\$ 3,519.00</b>

**July 1, 2024 – Jan 5, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections**

Year-to-Date:	\$ 111,302.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 103,950.00
<b>Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>\$ 7,352.00</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, 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 January 26: Janice Fyan & Carole Heinze**

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 11, at 7 pm**



Lucky 300 raffle drawing winners 1/5/2025:

\$ 175	Mary Hengesbach
\$ 50	David
\$ 25	Al Huizman

**Men of the Eucharist  
 Strengthen by CHRIST- Responding with Joy**



Pray for Seminarian:  
 Aiden P. McGavin  
 University of St. Thomas  
 St. John Vianney Seminary  
 2115 Summit Avenue  
 St. Paul, MN 55105

Oh God, hear our prayer for the men you have chosen to follow in your Son’s footsteps.

Teach them humility and fidelity to unselfishly help others. May their devotion to Our Blessed Mother, Queen of Vocations increase, enabling them to do your will.

Strengthen their prayer life so that they may grow spiritually without worldly distractions.

--Give them courage and perseverance in their studies.

May the Holy Spirit lighten their struggles with their vocations, until they know the joy of being a priest.

We ask this through Christ your Son.  
 Amen.

**Televised Sunday Mass:**

Join us each week for the live broadcast of Sunday Mass at 10 a.m. 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/)