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*Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church*

*The Presentation of the Lord*

**February 02, 2025**

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
8 AM-2 PM

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**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.



**02 Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord**

Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40a

**03 Monday: Weekday; Saint Blaise, Martyr**

Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20-24 Mk 5:1-20

**04 Tuesday: Weekday**

Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26b-28 Mk 5:21-43

**05 Wednesday: Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr**

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a Mk 6:1-6

**06 Thursday: Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Ps 48:2-4, 9-11 Mk 6:7-13

**07 Friday: Weekday**

Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9c Mk 6:14-29

**08 Saturday: Weekday; Saint Jerome Emilian; Saint Josephine Bakhita**

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-6 Mk 6:30-24

**09 Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 6:1-2, 3-8 Ps 138:1-5, 7-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 5:1-11

## Birthdays

- 2/2 Constance Teachworth, Alan Ferrrier
- 2/3 Gladys Lafler, Gregory Thelen, Beau Lafler, David Haskin
- 2/5 Laura Davis
- 2/6 David Burzynski, Victor Wisniewski, Dan Shields
- 2/8 Every Ann Radamacher
- 2/9 Caroline Spitzley
- 2/15 Mary Sutton, Amy Haskin
- 2/16 Judith Lyson, Deann Baillargeon, Brendan Snider
- 2/17 Thomas Riha, Rachel Denda
- 2/18 Diane Tomandl, Frank Agostinelli, Alan Brodbeck, Harrison King,  
Alexander Haskin
- 2/22 Rosemary Hickey, Darren Schafer, Addy Bosworth
- 2/23 Janet Licari
- 2/24 George Johnston
- 2/26 Diane Haskin, Shane Buche, Christina Shield
- 2/ 27 Greg Haskin, Eliza Fetteroff



## ANNIVERSARY

- 2/05 David and Karren Burzynski
- 2/06 George and Carole Heinze
- 2/14 Scott and Dawn Brinningstaul
- 2/25 James & Margaret Maurer



### Renewing the Catholic Family

Feb. 10----6 p.m.

Cathedral Square Center, 360 Division Ave. S, Grand Rapids

Every parent knows how hard it is to raise kids in today’s world, let alone good children. Dr. Thomas Lickona, author of *Raising Good Children* and *How to Raise Kind Kids*, will share insight about the challenges all parents face in our times and solutions to help get through these challenges.

The evening will feature a complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres reception, followed by his presentation. RSVP's requested for planning purposes: <https://bit.ly/drlickona2025>

### **Married Couples Weekend: February 7-9**

"The Couple the Prays Together"

St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

Join us for a weekend away from the busyness of daily life to reconnect with your spouse. The weekend includes a vow renewal ceremony and blessing of wedding rings, Mass, inspiring presentations, time to unwind, and fun cocktail receptions. Cost is \$325 per couple. For more information or to register, visit [www.stfrancis.ws/mcw](http://www.stfrancis.ws/mcw) or call the St. Francis office at 517-669-8321.

### **Join us for upcoming Jubilee 2025 events**

#### Receive Christ’s forgiveness and mercy

In addition to regularly scheduled confession times in our parishes, Bishop Walkowiak will preside at a penance service at St. Francis de Sales Church in Norton Shores on Feb. 25 from 6-8



#### **"Hope in the Truth of Beauty"**

**Presented by Dr. Benjamin G. Lockerd**

**Feb. 28**

**7 – 9 p.m.**

#### **Donnelly Center at Aquinas College**

Philosophers have long considered three subjects of contemplation to be paramount: the True, the Good, and the Beautiful—called the Transcendentals. All three of these are considered by many people today purely relativistic concepts, and one of the goals of the Catholic educator must be to contradict the prevailing relativism. Of the three, beauty is often thought to be the most subjective, for “beauty is in the eye of the beholder.” There is some truth to this old saying, but it is not the whole truth. Great thinkers have over the ages argued that beautiful creations have some characteristics in common. Advocates of literary art have further maintained that beautiful writings are effective in moving our hearts to follow truth and to do what is good. We should find profound hope in fact that the imagination can capture great truths of the human heart and move us to live virtuously.

Find additional Jubilee Year events at Aquinas by visiting: [aquinas.edu/jubilee-2025](http://aquinas.edu/jubilee-2025)

#### **Symposium on the True, the Good, and the Beautiful**

**March 1**

**9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Donnelly Center at Aquinas College**

Presentations on academic and artistic work that follow in the tradition of expressing truth, goodness, and beauty.

#### **The Creed Series – March 6-27, 2025 (in person and online)**

“The coming Jubilee Year will also coincide with a significant date for all Christians, namely, *the 1700th anniversary of the celebration of the first great Ecumenical Council, that of Nicaea.*” (*Spes non confundit*, 17)

Offered on Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the [Catholic Information Center](#) (360 Division Ave. S, Grand Rapids), and online. The topics for each session in the series align with each section of the Creed. Dr. Jared Ortiz will present the sessions on March 6 and 27 and Father Lam Le will present the sessions on March 13 and 20:

**March 6:** I believe in God the Father Almighty

**March 13:** I believe in Jesus Christ

**March 20:** I believe in the Holy Spirit

**March 27:** I believe in the Holy Catholic Church

**About the presenters:** Dr. Ortiz is the co-author of *The Nicene Creed: A Scriptural, Historical, and Theological Commentary* and founder and executive director of the [Saint Benedict Institute](#) on the campus of Hope College, where he teaches Catholic theology. Father Lam Le is pastor of [St. John Paul II Parish](#) in Cedar Springs and [Mary Queen of Apostles Parish](#) in Sand Lake. He is the diocesan director of evangelization and director of continuing formation for priests. Father Le chairs the diocesan Jubilee Committee.

# Love For God

In our reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 10 last week, Moses was speaking to the people, saying,

*“And now, Israel, what does the Lord, your God, ask of you but to fear the Lord, your God, and follow his ways exactly, to love and serve the Lord, your God, with all your heart and all your soul, to keep the commandments and statues of the Lord which I enjoin on you this day for your own good?”*

Think!

*The heavens, even the highest heavens, belong to the Lord, your God, as well as the earth and everything on it. Yet in his love for your fathers the Lord was so attached to them as to choose you, their descendants, in preference to all other peoples, as indeed He has done now.*

*Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and be no longer stiff-necked. For the Lord, your God, is the God of gods, the Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who has no favorites, accepts no bribes; who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and befriends the alien, feeding and clothing him. So, you too must befriend the alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. The Lord your God shall you fear, and him you shall serve; hold fast to him and swear by his name. He is your glory...*

*Love the Lord your God, therefore and always heed his charge; his statues, decrees and commandments...*

*I set before you here, this day, a blessing and a curse; a blessing for obeying the commandments of the Lord, your God, which I enjoin on you today; a curse if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord, your God, but instead turn aside from the way I ordain for you today, to follow other gods, whom you have not known.”*

These words Moses spoke we see as also applying to us as Christians, for we have been baptized and are spiritual members of the Church, the family of God. We strive to keep God’s commandments for we love our Lord and God. No one who is in love with himself is capable of loving God. If a person loves himself, he seeks his own glory, but the person who loves God loves the glory of his creator.

So let us, who love God, rejoice in his glory as we look forward to joining with him in the greatness of heaven!

God bless you!

Fr. Tom

## MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

- Sunday, February 02, 9:45 am  
+ Joe & Leona Tomandl (Gerald & Diane Tomandl)
- Monday, February 03, 9:00 am  
+ Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family
- Tuesday, February 04, 9:00 am  
Steve Szarowicz (George & Carole Heinze)
- Wednesday, February 05, 9:00 am  
+ Edeltraud Gerhards (Bert Walliczek)
- Thursday, February 06, 12:10 pm  
Connie Goble (Gerald & Diane Tomandl)
- Friday, February 07, 9:00 am

### No Mass

- Saturday, February 08, 6:00 pm  
Saint Edward Parish  
Lector: Pat St. A.  
EMHC: Mary & Carolyn M.
- Sunday, February 09, 9:45 am  
+ Raymond & Evelyn Orth (Gerald & Diane Tomandl)  
Lector: Anne A.  
EMHC: Chris V., Janice F., & Mike R.

### 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.  
February 6, 13, 20, & 27



Adorers Schedule for February 6  
6-7 pm **Connie G./ Suzanne K.**  
7-8 pm **Joe C. / Open**

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

### Cor Men’s Group- The next meeting: February 8

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

Mary and Joseph must have been proud when their village “all spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at his words.” But they probably felt shame when the same people drove him out of town. Like Mary and Joseph, their highs and lows of parenting are our path to being a Holy Family.

## 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.

<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>
02. Faith Formation Class	02 Faith Formation Class
09. No Faith Formation	09 Faith Formation Class- Lent
15. Faith Formation Class	16 Faith Formation Class- Plus Stations
22. Faith Formation Class	23 No Faith Formation Class
	30 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 to 8:00 pm at 753 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

- 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.

- 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

## Part 3: Defense of the Faith

- February 26 Objections of the Catholic View of Scripture & Tradition
- March 05 Objections to The Papacy & Church Authority
- March 12 Objections to the Eucharist & the Sacraments
- March 19 Objection to Mary and the Saints

## OUR PARISH OFFERING – Jan 25/26, 2025

Adults	\$ 3,482.00
Loose:	\$ 241.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 3,723.00</b>
Budgeted Weekly:	\$ 3,850.00
<b>Overage/Shortage:</b>	<b>\$ ( 127.00)</b>

## July 1, 2024 – Jan 26, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 121,134.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 115,500.00
<b>Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>\$ 5,634.00</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 February 9: Greg Zuver & Joe Hickey



The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on

### Tuesday, February 11, at 7 pm

Lucky 300 raffle drawing winners 1/26/2025:

\$ 175	Alice Martin
\$ 50	Nick Manshum
\$ 25	Henry Haskin

### Men of the Eucharist

### Strengthen by CHRIST- Responding with Joy



Pray for Seminarian:  
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2115 Summit Avenue  
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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.

## Discernment Meeting – February 16, March 23 & May 4

Discernment is a time of obtaining spiritual guidance and understanding. If you are considering the priesthood, the Diocese of Grand Rapids invites you to meet each month with other your men in high school and college to gather and discern God’s will for your life. We will meet at St. Luke University Parish, 10144 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Georgetown Twp., MI 49428, from 12:30- 1:30 pm.

Contact Director of Priestly Vocations Fr. Rob Mulderink  
[frrob@lukespot.com](mailto:frrob@lukespot.com)