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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

First Sunday in Lent

March 09, 2025
 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. **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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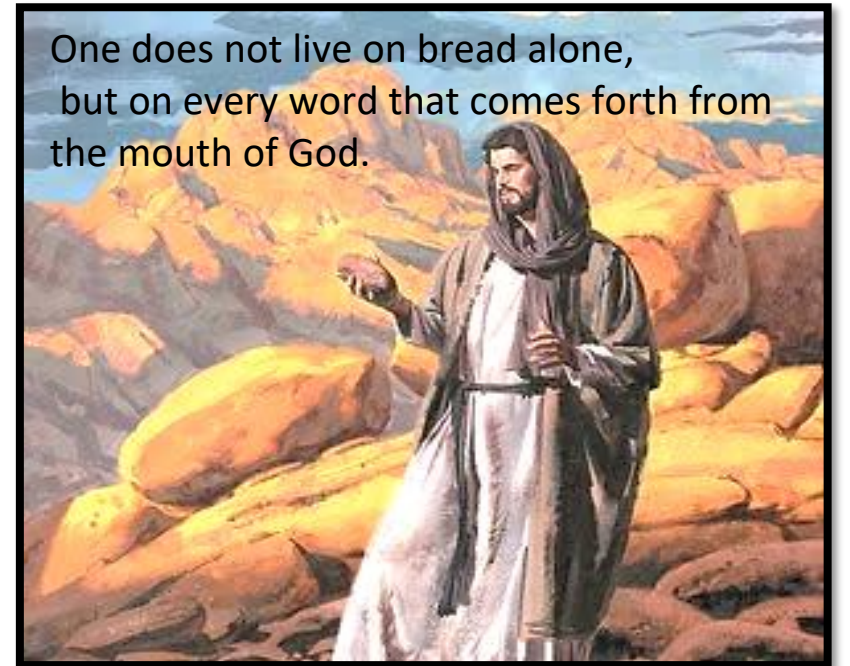
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



09 Sunday: First Sunday in Lent

Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-15 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

10 Monday: Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

11 Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15

12 Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

13 Thursday: Lenten Weekday

Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:7-12

14 Friday: Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26

15 Saturday: Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

16 Sunday: Second Sunday in Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14 Phil 3:17-4:1
 Lk 9:28b-36

Koops Funeral Chapel

**A big
thank
you**
for all your
help and support.

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LAKWOOD LIONS CLUB

All of our current preschool
families who volunteered



A special thank you to all our guest who enjoyed the
dinner and supported St. Edward's Preschool!

Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit

March 22- 28

Our Lady of Consolation (4865 11 Mile Rd, Rockford)

Come and learn about 70 Church-approved Eucharistic Miracles through a self-guided exhibit and deepen your love for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist! This amazing opportunity showcases miracles from around the world, designed by the soon-to-be St. Carlo Acutis. Check our website for times and more information: olcparishrockford.com/parish/miracles/

Wine & Wills: An In-Depth Legacy Seminar

Saturday, March 29

1 – 4 p.m.

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

Planning for the future can be a challenging topic, but it is also an essential way to care for loved ones, uphold your faith values, and ensure your wishes are honored. Enjoy light refreshments and a glass of wine in a relaxed atmosphere as you learn from legal and spiritual experts. *Whether you're just starting to think about end-of-life decisions or looking to refine your plans, this event will equip you with the tools and peace of mind to move forward with confidence. RSVP today to secure your spot! <https://catholicfoundationwmi.org/wine-wills/>*

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience Opportunities

Give your spouse the gift of time away together enriching your marriage and your faith at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience! Upcoming experiences are being held April 4-6 at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt; June 16-18 at Center for Ministry in Saginaw; and August. 1-3 at Augustine Center in Petoskey. Apply today at wwme.org or contact Amy & Joe Kopacz at 517-667-0433 for more info.

Evening of Worship with the opportunity for confession

Holy Spirit Parish invites you to an Evening of Worship with the opportunity to receive the sacrament of penance on Saturday, March 29 from 6:45-8:00 pm! In addition to reflective music, the following priests will be available to hear your confession throughout the night: Fr. Mark Peacock, Fr. Nick Baker, Fr. David Sacha, Fr. Larry King, Msgr. Lou Stasker, and Fr. David Jameson. Contact MacKenzie at mcoble@hsparish.org with any questions.

Lent

This weekend is the fourth and fifth day of Lent already. How are we doing? When we listen to the gospel during this holy season, we keep hearing that we are called to follow Jesus. To really follow, which means we must deny ourselves, pick up our cross, and follow Him. There are no ifs, ands, or buts. There is no Christianity without a cross. Remember, the rich young man who wanted to follow but didn't want to let go of his wealth. He went away sad and Jesus commented on how hard it was for the rich to follow him. There is no Christianity without the cross. There is no Christianity without a sacrifice. Jesus speaks of this when He says, "Whoever does not take up his cross and come after Me cannot be my disciple." A Christianity in which we remove the cross of mortification and penance because we see these as undesirable would be a Christianity in name only. It would not keep the doctrine of the Gospels nor would it inspire people to follow in Christ's footsteps. It would be a Christianity without redemption, without salvation. Unfortunately, too many times we want the joy of Easter without the sorrow of Good Friday.

Remember some of the many stories we have heard of the great Christian heroes? We admire them but at the same time we really don't want to be like them. We think they are nuts! They WANTED to die for Christ. They WANTED to be arrested. They wanted to be convicted of loving Christ and sent to die. It didn't matter how. Cross or lions, sword or starvation, or some other method...it didn't matter to them. Just as long as they died for Jesus Christ. How did they ever get to that point in their lives? The answer is simple. It was out of a deep love for Jesus. So deep that nothing mattered except being in the presence of God.

But how does one ever reach that point?

We all want to bring joy to God. But how? It all begins with our attitude. Consider a small example. One woman I know loves to cook. LOVES it! She could spend all day, every day cooking and baking. On the other hand, I cannot stand it. I will do almost anything to avoid even a minute in the kitchen. She loves it because all she sees is the joy on the faces of those loving to eat her cooking. All I see are piles and piles of dirty dishes and the labor involved. She sees the final result. All I see is the work involved. It's a matter of attitude. It is the same with Christianity. Do we see just the labor or do we see the end result of God's joyful love?

So, as we consider this season of Lent, what do we see? What do we really love doing for others? For some, it is the joy of a full stomach. For others it is warm clothing. For others it is spending time with others and listening to them tell stories of long ago. Or something else. For all of us it is something different. The question for each one of us is what can I do to bring joy to another person? Whatever it is, doing that for another will also bring a smile to God's face. And to bring a smile to God's face is worth the sacrifice.

God bless you!

Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, March 09, 9:45 am
 Pope Francis
Monday, March 10, 9:00 am
 Saint Edwards Church
Tuesday, March 11, 9:00 am
 + Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek
Wednesday, March 12, 9:00 am
 Rosie Hickey (Prayer Partner)
Thursday, March 13, 12:10 pm
 + Edeltraude Gerhards
Friday, March 14, 9:00 am

No Mass

Saturday, March 15, 6:00 pm
 + David Lake (Grief Support Group)
 Lector: Alan B.
 EMHC: Alan B. & Mary S.
Sunday, March 16, 9:45 am
 + Alice Wernette (Connie Goble)
 Lector: Anne B
 EMHC: Chris V., Mike R., and Mary H.



"May the angels welcome you into paradise,
 May the martyrs greet you on your way,
 May you see the face of the Lord this day."
 Please Pray for the soul of David Lake,
 Husband of Judy Lake, who passed from
 death to life on March 3, 2025.

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.

Stations of the Cross will be on Friday evenings 6:30 pm from starting on March 7. We are still in need of people to lead the stations. Contact the office for available dates.

Adoration

Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.
 March 13, 20 & 27



Adorers Schedule for March 13
 6-7 pm Frank & Sherri Agostinelli
 7-8 pm Jamie & Darren Shafer

Are you looking for something to do with the family for Lent? Sign up to be an adorer. Open times are 7- 8 pm on the first, third, fourth and fifth Thursdays of the month and 6-7 pm on the fourth and fifth Thursday. Prayerfully ponder, spending **one hour** a month in adoration of our Lord.

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

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 or the diocesan Facebook page: www.facebook.com/DioceseofGrandRapids/

Please Pray for:

Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong, Manuel Rodriguez, Julie Sutton VanLiew, Pamula Pontius, Bill Sutton & 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 April 4 at 1:00 pm, in the library. For more 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.

March	April
02 Faith Formation Class	06 No Faith Formation - Spring Break
09 Faith Formation Class- Lent	13 Faith Formation Class
16 Faith Formation Class- Plus Stations	20 No Faith Formation - Easter
23 No Faith Formation Class	27 Faith Formation Class -
30 Faith Formation Class	Last 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 5th Avenue.

- 3-12 Confirmation and virtues Jerry
- 3-19 Mary and Communion of Saints Gary
- 3-26 Prayer Jerry
- 4-02 Trinity and Incarnation Andrew
- 4-09 Paschal Mystery Gary
- 4-16 Wind up and questions Alan

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 5th 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.

Part 3: Defense of the Faith

- March 12 Objections to the Eucharist & the Sacraments
- March 19 Objection to Mary and the Saints
- March 26 Other Common Objections to the Faith
- April 2 Understanding Moralistic Therapeutic Deism
- April 9 Living and Loving the Faith in the Modern World

Cor Men's Group-

Join us for the Cor Men's Group at 8:00 am on the second Saturday of the month. For more information contact Andrew Coates at (269) 838-4418.

WME Sharing Group-

We meet at St. Edward on the 2nd 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.

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Mar 1/2, 2025

Adults	\$ 4,270.00
Loose:	\$ 196.00
Total receipts:	\$ 4,466.00
Budgeted Weekly:	\$ 3,850.00
Overage/Shortage:	616.00

July 1, 2024 – Mar 2, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 142,831.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 134,750.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ 8,081.00

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 March 16: Besty Weiland

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 11**



Lucky 300 K of C raffle drawing winners
 For the week of 3/ 2/2025
 \$ 175 Kris Galvavitz
 \$ 50 Mike Hartman
 \$ 25 Chris Pyryt

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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.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Jesus "was led by the Spirit in the wilderness." What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your "wilderness" with God. Where is the Spirit leading you this Lent?