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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.



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Council #14404
 Joe Hickey, Grand Knight
 Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the Month.

SAINT EDWARD FAMILY CENTER

741 Washington Blvd.
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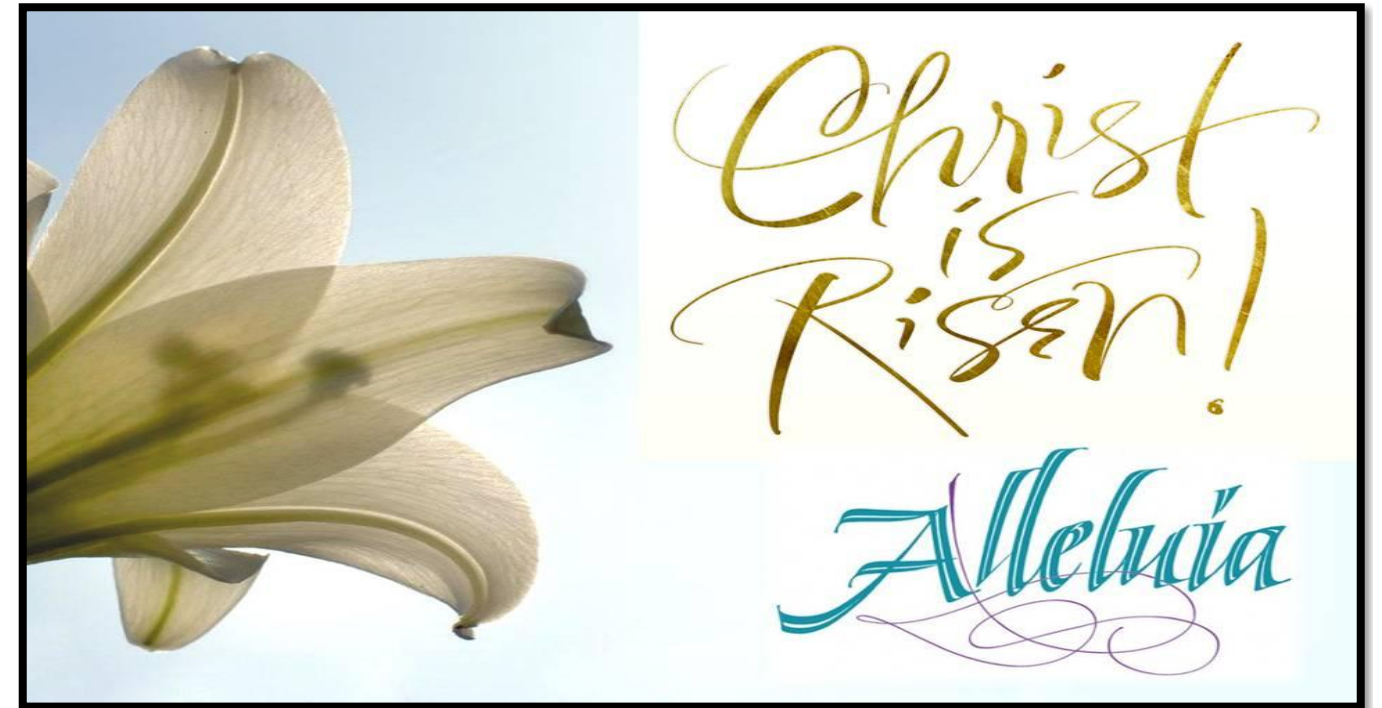


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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



April 20, 2025

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New OFFICE HOURS:
 Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday
 8 AM-2 PM

Closed Wednesday & Friday

New MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil 6:00 PM
 Sunday 9:45 AM

Weekday Masses:
 Tuesday 9:00 AM
 Friday 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 Thursday 6:30 -7:30 pm
 or by appointment

20 Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
 Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4
 Jn 20:1-9

21 Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
 Act 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Mt 28:8-15

22 Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
 Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 Jn 20:11-18

23 Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
 Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Lk 24:13-35

24 Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
 Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2a, 5-9 Lk 24:35-48

25 Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter
 Acts:1-12 Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a Jn 21:1-14

26 Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter
 Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1, 14-15b, 16-21 Mk 16:9-15

27 Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
 Acts 5:12-16 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
 Jn 20:19-31

Dawn was approaching. It was a sad morning, filled with weeping. But then it changed. Radically, for He is alive! HE IS ALIVE! He has risen from the dead and He is alive!! Jesus, our Savior, our Lord, is ALIVE! Even his disciples still couldn't believe it. Peter and John left the empty tomb still wondering what had really happened. It wouldn't be until later, when Jesus appeared to them and took some food to eat, that they really believed He was alive. The disciples on the road to Emmaus also didn't believe it even as they walked and talked with him. It wasn't until later, as Jesus broke the bread with them, that they were filled with wonder and belief. They rushed back to Jerusalem to tell the rest.

Even today we have people who wonder if He is really alive. Yes, some of us believe. Others aren't sure that He is, and still others say, no way! But yes, He lives. Just as He promised. Life has overcome death. This changes everything. The Resurrection of our Lord changes everything. It is the key to understanding life. His life as well as our own life. It is the foundation of our faith. St. Paul preached that without this victory over death, our faith would be useless and vain. But it isn't. It gave Peter and the other disciples a new hope that brought them out of their hiding spots into the world, where they fearlessly proclaimed the new life in Jesus Christ. It changed the world. The same is true for us. Our future resurrection is secured upon the Resurrection of Jesus. We, who were dead because of sin, have received from God, full of mercy and the infinite compassion with which He loves, a rising from death to live with and in Jesus. Easter is the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection and our resurrection. It is the celebration of our thanksgiving and our joy.

Even though Jesus has returned to heaven to his Father, He has been seen by many people down through the ages. He appeared to Mary Magdalene and sent her to tell his disciples He was alive. He appeared to his mother. He appeared to his two disciples on the road to Emmaus. He appeared to Peter and the other ten disciples in the upper room and charged them with spreading the Good News of his life and teaching. They did this, for they saw the marks of the nails and lance. They saw him eat. They listened to his conversation. HE LIVES! He tells us that we have the opportunity to live with him forever.

He is risen. He has triumphed over death. He has overcome sorrow, anguish, and the powers of darkness. In him, we find everything. Outside of him, there is nothing.

May we never die because of our sins. May our resurrection be eternal. It will, if we live with and for him. Tell others. Tell everyone.

HE IS ALIVE!! AMEN! ALLELUIA!

Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, April 20, 9:45 am

Saint Edward Parish

Tuesday, April 22, 9:00 am

+ Jill VanDeVelde (Charles VanDeVelde)

Friday, April 25, 9:00 am

Parishioners with Birthdays in April

Saturday, April 26, 6:00 pm

+Vernon Brown (Father Brown)

Lector: Greg H.

EMHC: Carolyn M, & Yvonne M.

Sunday, April 27, 9:45 am

+ Geraldine Hodge (Irene Miller)

Lector: Alan B.

EMHC: Alan B

Easter Sunday

Adoration

Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.
April 3, 10, & 24



Adorers Schedule for April 24

6-7 pm Fredia Wernette / OPEN

7-8 pm Anne Adams/ OPEN

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.

Cor Men's Group-

Cor is a men's group that meets on the second Saturday of every month at 8 am in the church basement. If you're a Catholic man seeking to deepen your prayer life, your knowledge of the faith, and brotherhood with your fellow Catholic men, join us for a time of fellowship and prayer. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Group will **not** meet in June, July or August. If you cannot make May's meeting, mark your calendar for September 13.

Contact Andrew Coates with questions (269) 838-4418.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Sharing Group-

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 on the 2nd Friday of the month, at 7 pm in the church basement. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris and Darla Vinton at 410-487-5226.

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Millions of Christians around the world celebrate the Resurrection today. It all began simply on the first Easter with one person telling another: "Mary told Peter" and "they believed." Faith is passed from one person to another; it is caught, not taught and parents are the most effective persons to pass faith to their children.

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,

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 May 1 at 1:00 pm, in the library. For more information, please call Marsha at (269)367-4403.

ST. EDWARD'S PRESCHOOL

Open Enrollment for 2025-26

Saint Edward's Preschool is now planning for the 2025-26 preschool year. We are accepting applications from families who would like their child to attend our program this Fall. While looking forward to another exciting school year, we believe that our current curriculum will allow your child to learn while also contributing to the development of the whole child - cognitive, physical, social, emotional, and language. We are committed to challenging, fun and formative activities that will teach each child that they are a unique gift from God and to help them develop in their educational growth. We use Zoophonics and include ABC Music and Me in the classroom. Our preschool gives children plenty of hands-on opportunities to explore their world while in a Christian environment. Class size is small, which provides your child a better chance to develop socially as well as academically.

If you would like more information, please contact us at 616-374-7253 x4, email fredia@wowway.biz, or stop by the St. Edward Family Center. Enrollment applications are located in the south entrance of the church.

Blessings,

Ms. Fredia / Program Director of St. Edward's Preschool

K-12 FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

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

April

27 Faith Formation Class -Last class!

Dounts and Coffee



Starting on May 11, after Sunday Masses we will be having donuts and coffee in the Family Center. This will continue until further notice. Come and join us.

Welcome Saint Edwards ladies to a Social Hour event.

The event will take place on May 5th at 4 pm at Saints Peter and Paul, Ionia in the Veritas Room.

The first scheduled event will be making macramé rosaries. All necessary supplies will be provided including beverages and finger foods.

What a great opportunity to socialize with other catholic women in our area.

Bring a friend and have some fun. For more information call Kip Geldhof (517) 983-8241.

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Apr 5/6, 2025

Adults	\$ 4,095.00
Loose:	\$ 389.00
Total receipts:	\$ 4,484.00
Budgeted Weekly:	\$ 3,850.00
Overage/Shortage:	634.00

July 1, 2024 – Apr 6, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 166,592.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 154,000.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ 12,592.00

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Apr 12/13, 2025

Adults	\$ 2,790.00
Loose:	\$ 154.00
Total receipts:	\$ 2,944.00
Budgeted Weekly:	\$ 3,850.00
Overage/Shortage:	(906.00)

July 1, 2024 – Apr 13, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 169,536.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 157,850.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ 11,686.00

Offerings will be updated in the next bulletin.

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 April 27: Dan



The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on

Tuesday, May 12

ROOTED IN CHRIST

A Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of Grand Rapids

Meeting: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 @ 6:30

St. Edward Parish Center

The central event in our faith is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Any plan will involve change. As with our previous planning effort 14 years ago, one of the greatest hopes for the "Rooted in Christ" plan is that it will help parishes grow and thrive in the future.

This cannot happen without some change and initiative. We want to hear from you. What can YOU do? Attend the meeting

We need your feedback on the parish recommendations.

We want your feedback regarding the ministries we need to emphasize for the future and whether we should work on them alone or with another parish or parishes.

Help us shape the future of the Diocese and St Edward Parish and keep "Rooted in Christ" in your prayers.

Father Tom, and representatives of St Edwards