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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 06, 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

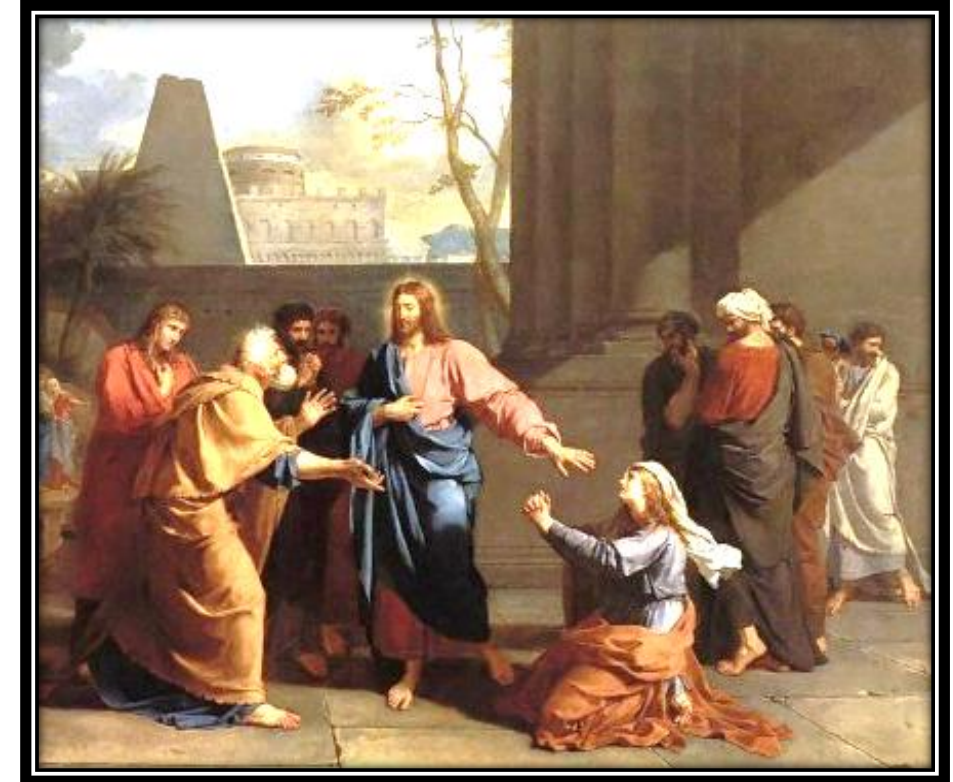
Weekday Masses:
 Monday 9:00 AM
 Tuesday 9:00 AM
 Wednesday 9:00 AM
 Thursday 12:10 PM
 Friday 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 Thursday 6:30 PM-7:30 PM
 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.



06 Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11

07 Monday: Lenten Weekday: Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:12-20

08 Tuesday: Lenten Weekday
 Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-21 Jn 8:21-30

09 Wednesday: Lenten Weekday
 Dn 3:14-30, 91-92, 95 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42

10 Thursday: Lenten Weekday
 Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59

11 Friday: Lenten Weekday; Saint Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr
 Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42

12 Saturday: Lenten Weekday
 Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56

13 Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11
 Lk 22:14—23:56

We love our Lord Jesus Christ so much. He is both divine and human. We love reading and rereading stories about Him in Sacred Scripture, especially stories of his miraculous healing. But I suspect we sometimes get so caught up in his divinity, that we forget about his humanity. Remember the Second Person of the Trinity emptied Himself and became a human being, like us in all things except sin. We, or at least I, at times forget about his humanity. But being fully human, He experienced all the things we as humans do. He had growing pains. He had hunger and sorrow. Especially the sorrow. He wept when his foster father, Joseph died. We know He wept at the grave of Lazarus. He wept over the coming destruction of Jerusalem. And as his close friend and relative, St. John the Baptist was killed, he wept. John was murdered. And just as bad, John's head was given to Herodias as a trophy! A trophy! Is it any wonder that Jesus is weeping? He wants to get away from everyone. To go off to mourn John's death and seek God's healing help. "When Jesus heard of this, he withdrew by boat from there to a deserted place by himself" (Matthew 14:13). But he cannot get away. He is too popular with the people.

Matthew tells us of the crowds hearing about it and rushing off to the deserted place Jesus was going. It was a huge crowd. Thousands and thousands. Five thousand men not counting all the women and the children. Some just wanted to see this man who they had been hearing such incredible stories of healing with just a word or a touch. Many others had their own complaints that they wanted him to heal. And so, they came. What do you think Jesus thought of when he saw the vast crowd?

If it had been me, I would have never come ashore! "Keep paddling! Get away from here. We will find a different spot with no people!" But no, Jesus comes ashore to be with them. His heart is moved to pity for them. He begins to teach and heal them. One after the other after the other, people came to him. The crowds never decrease. I suspect they continued to grow. Hour after hour, after hour, Jesus spends the day with them. Hurt and wounded inside, Jesus ignored it and kept healing people.

What of us? We have various miraculous physical healings down through the centuries reported and verified by the Church. These are great but we have even greater gifts. We have the gifts of the spirit. After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to the apostles in the upper room and said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Then He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven them; if you hold them bound, they are held bound." This gift from Jesus is what we know as the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is the forgiveness of our sins. It is the gift of confession. What of us? Have we come to the church to receive this gift? St. Barnabas writes, "We must flee from all vanity. Do not turn inward and live only for yourselves as though already assured of salvation...Let us become a perfect dwelling place for God...We must never relax our efforts as though our calling were already realized. Let us never fall asleep in a state of sin, lest the prince of wickedness gain power over us and snatch us away from the kingdom of the Lord."

Let us use this great gift we have from Jesus of the Sacrament of Confession and receive once again his gift of forgiveness. Let us purify again our souls so that we may be ready to rush to Him and be received with open arms.

May God bless you! Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, April 06, 9:45 am

+ Don & Gert Arens (Rademacher Family)

Monday, April 07, 9:00 am

Katie Possehn (Prayer Partner)

Tuesday, April 8, 9:00 am

Saint Edward Parish

Wednesday, April 9, 9:00 am

+Virginia Vipond (Grief Support Group)

Thursday, April 10, 12:10 pm

+Alice Wernette (Norbert Walliczek)

Friday, April 11, 9:00 am

+ Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family

Saturday, April 12, 6:00 pm

+Fredrick & Phyllis Beckhold

(Aroua Brody Beckhold, and Leah & Nick Zurawski)

Sunday, April 13, 9:45 am **Palm Sunday**

+ Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family



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



"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 Virginia Vipond, Wife of Max Vipond, who passed from death to life on March 29, 2025.

Memorial Mass will be at St. Edward Church on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at 11 am.

Adoration

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

Adorers Schedule for April 10

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.

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.

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

We are 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. 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

06 **No Faith Formation** - Spring Break

13 Faith Formation Class

20 **No Faith Formation** - Easter

27 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.

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

April 9 Living and Loving the Faith in the Modern World

World Marriage Encounter 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 22/23, 2025

Adults	\$	6,619.00
Loose:	\$	317.00
Total receipts:	\$	6,936.00
Budgeted Weekly:	\$	3,850.00
Overage/Shortage:		3,086.00

July 1, 2024 – Mar 23, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$	157,771.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$	146,300.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$	11,471.00

Offerings will be updated in the April 20 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 13: Pat Drake & Janice Fyan



The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 8**

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



Andrew R. Whipple
Mundelein Seminary
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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.

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/

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Stoning is not just an ancient act of violence. Each day in our homes we throw stones of ridicule, criticism, name-calling and put-downs. All of it is deadly. Hear Jesus in today's gospel: "Whoever is without sin can throw the first stone." Rid your home of violence. Stop verbal stoning!