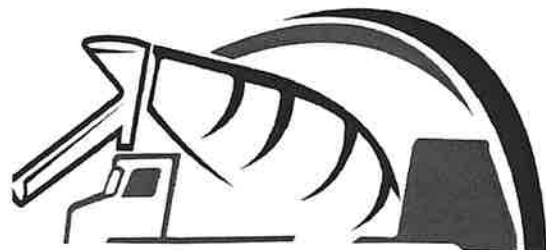




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MISSION STATEMENT
We, St. Edward's Parish, joyfully experience
life in Christ through the celebration of the
sacraments and dedicate ourselves to faith
formation. Our parish is devoted to inspiring
youth to become active followers of Christ.
We live to promote love within the church
and community according to the Gospel.

**Deadline for the bulletin will be Tuesdays
at 10am.**



25 Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23
Jn 14:23-29

26 Monday: Saint Philip Neri, Priest (Memorial Day)
Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Jn 15:26—16:4a

27 Tuesday: Easter Weekday; Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

28 Wednesday: Easter Weekday
Acts 17:15-22—18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 Jn 16:12-15

29 Thursday: Easter Weekday: Saint Paul VI, Pope
Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:14 Jn 16:16-20

30 Friday: Easter Weekday
Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23

31 Saturday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Zep 3:14-18a (Ps)Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56

01 Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Lk 24:46-53

Below are excerpts from the homily Pope Leo XIV delivered in St. Peter's Square on Sunday, May 18, after being elected the 266th successor of St. Peter on May 8.

Brothers and Sisters, I greet all of you with a heart full of gratitude at the beginning of the ministry that has been entrusted to me. St. Augustine wrote: “Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you” (Confessions, I: 1,1).

In these days, we have experienced intense emotions. The death of Pope Francis filled our hearts with sadness. In those difficult hours, we felt like the crowds that the Gospel says were “like sheep without a shepherd” (Mt 9:36). Yet on Easter Sunday, we received his final blessing and, in the light of the Resurrection, we experienced the days that followed in the certainty that the Lord never abandons his people but gathers them when they are scattered and guards them “as a shepherd guards his flock” (Jer 31:10).

In this spirit of faith, the College of Cardinals met for the conclave. Coming from different backgrounds and experiences, we placed in God’s hands our desire to elect the new successor of Peter, the bishop of Rome, a shepherd capable of preserving the rich heritage of the Christian faith and, at the same time, looking to the future, in order to confront the questions, concerns, and challenges of today’s world. Accompanied by your prayers, we could feel the working of the Holy Spirit, who was able to bring us into harmony, like musical instruments, so that our heartstrings could vibrate in a single melody.

I was chosen, without any merit of my own, and now, with fear and trembling, I come to you as a brother, who desires to be the servant of your faith and your joy, walking with you on the path of God’s love, for he wants us all to be united in one family.

Love and unity: These are the two dimensions of the mission entrusted to Peter by Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world.

In this our time, we still see too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth’s resources and marginalizes the poorest. For our part, we want to be a small leaven of unity, communion, and fraternity within the world. We want to say to the world, with humility and joy: Look to Christ! Come closer to him! Welcome his word that enlightens and consoles! Listen to his offer of love and become his one family: in the one Christ, we are one. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of goodwill, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!

This is the missionary spirit that must animate us; not closing ourselves off in our small groups, nor feeling superior to the world. We are called to offer God’s love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people.

Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk toward God and love one another.

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, May 25, 9:45 am

+ Vernon Brown (Fr. Brown)

Tuesday, May 27, 9:00 am

+Living & Deceased Members of
The Walliczek Family (Norbert Walliczek)

Friday, May 30, 9:00 am

Saint Edward Parish

Saturday, May 31, 6:00 pm

All Pregnant Women and Babies

Lector: Dave B.

EMHC: Carolyn M. & Yvonne M.

Sunday, June 01, 9:45 am

+ Tommy Swift (Linda Swift)

Lector: Alan B.

EMHC: Alan B.



Adoration
Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.
May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Adorers Schedule for May 29
6-7 pm Doug Fox & Caleb Coates
7-8 pm Andrew Coates & Joe Coates

Thank you to all that have signed up for adoration.

There are supposed to be two (2) adorers at all times. We still have 3 more open times that need to be filled, not including the months with a 5th Thursday. Adorers are needed form 7-8 pm on the first (1st), third (3rd) and fourth (4th) Thursdays. There are five (5) Thursdays in the month of July and October and we need adorers for 6-7 & 7-8 pm. Sign up sheets can be found at the entrances.

If you need more information or have questions, please contact Suzanne King at 269-271-6406.

Office Closure

The office will be closed on Memorial Day, May 26.

Mass Schedule Changes –

The Sunday Mass schedule at St. Edward, Lake Odessa and SS. Peter and Paul, Ionia, will be changing on **Pentecost Sunday**, June 8th. The Saturday evening schedule will remain the same, but Sunday mornings will be changing.

The new schedule is as follows:

St. Edward – Saturday at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

SS. Peter and Paul – Saturday at 4:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday at 12:00 Noon (in Spanish)

For many years, our pastor has presided at six Masses per weekend even though Church law stipulates that no more than three be scheduled except in extreme situations. Our bishop has been patient in letting this go on for the past few years but the time has come to make the change. Change is never easy, especially with something as personal as attendance at our chosen Mass, so we are asking for your patience and understanding. Although it will take some getting used to, we will undoubtedly experience God’s blessings in new ways through this.

Thank you!

Please Pray for:

Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong, Manuel Rodriguez, Julie Sutton VanLiew, Jake Jacobson & 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 June 5 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. 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 can be found in the south entrance of the church or can be downloaded from www.stedwardslakeodessa.org/parish-life/pre-school/

Blessings,

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

Donuts and Coffee



There will be donuts and coffee in the Family Center following Sunday Masses. Come and join us.

Exploring Catholicism?

Join us for our Learn & Mingle open house for people interested in exploring our Catholic faith. Event will be on Thursday, June 12, from 7- 9 pm for at the Main Floor, 1037 4th Ave, Lake Odessa MI. Please spread the word.

To register email: ociaStEdwars@gmail.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Sharing Group- June 13

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences Coming Up!

Nurture your Sacrament of Marriage at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience! Upcoming experiences are being held **June 16-18** (midweek) at Center for Ministry in Saginaw, **Aug. 1-3** and **Oct. 3-5** at Augustine Center in Petoskey, and **Nov. 21-23** at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit. Apply today at wwme.org or contact Amy & Joe Kopacz at 517-667-0433 for more info.

Different channel for TV Mass on May 25

The regularly scheduled broadcast of televised Mass from the cathedral will be moved to Antenna TV on May 25 due to the Indianapolis 500 airing on FOX 17. Mass will still air at 10 a.m. Mass will return to FOX 17 the following weekend. You can also watch Mass on the diocesan YouTube channel and website. Antenna TV Channel Finder: <https://antennatv.tv/channel-finder/>

OUR PARISH OFFERING – May 17/18, 2025

Adults	\$ 5,232.00
Loose:	\$ 378.00
Total receipts:	\$ 5,610.00
Budgeted Weekly:	\$ 3,850.00
Overage/Shortage:	\$ 1760.00

July 1, 2024 – May 18, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 194,093.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 177,100.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ 16,993.00

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.
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Thank you for your continued support of the church.

Counter June 1: Betsy Weiland & Janice Fyan

The next finance Meeting will be June 2, 2025.



The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on

Tuesday, June 10

Capital Service Appeal

If you have returned you CSA pledge card, Thank You!

With your generous response to date, we have reached 53.5 % of our CSA goal. Thirty (30) out of our one- hundred and forty-three (143) households have responded. Congratulations and thank you for your stewardship! If you have not responded, please do so as soon as possible to save us additional mailing costs and volunteer time. Pledge cards can be found at the entrances of the Church or your mailbox in the back. Thank you!

Join us for Memorial Day Masses in our Catholic Cemeteries May 26

Remember the men and women who have died during military service with the celebration of Mass at one of our Catholic cemeteries. Masses will be held rain or shine; please bring a chair. **Mass will be held at:**

8 a.m. – Ss. Peter & Paul Cemetery Chapel, 1750 Preston Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, with Msgr. Lou Stasker presiding.

9 a.m. – Resurrection Cemetery (near the large cross), 4100 Clyde Park Ave. SW, Wyoming, with Fr. David Jameson presiding.

10 a.m. – Holy Cross Cemetery (in front of the mausoleum), 2000 Walker Ave., Grand Rapids, with Fr. Logan Weber presiding.

Attendees at Resurrection and Holy Cross should bring a lawn chair or blanket due to limited seating.

Visit grcathcem.org to learn more.

Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today Jesus gives this advice: “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” Worry and anxiety can consume our lives preventing us from seeing the love which surrounds us and binds us to one another. Don’t miss the forest for the trees. We are living today what we worried about yesterday.