

<div><p>935 Fourth Avenue Lake Odessa, MI 48849 (616) 374-8221 Main Office (616) 374-7383 Fax www.koopsfc.com</p></div>	<div><p>7857 Velte Rd Lake Odessa, MI 48849 Mon., Tues., &amp; Thurs., 8-12 &amp; 3- 7 Fri., &amp; Sat., 8-12 Phone (616) 374-7880</p></div>	
<div><div><p>7775 Clark Rd. Lake Odessa, MI 48849 Ph# 616-374-8851</p><p>Call us for all of your ready mix concrete, aggregate and construction needs!</p><p>Open Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm Saturday 8am -12 pm (seasonal)</p></div></div>		
<div><p>SPECIALIZING IN KITCHENS Custom Cabinets and Furniture Refacing and Installation Owner: Eric Clark (269)838- 3771 Email: <a href="mailto:clarkscustomcabinets1@gmail.com">clarkscustomcabinets1@gmail.com</a> www.facebook.com/clarkscustomcabinets1</p></div>	<div><p>SPECIALIZING IN ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS</p></div>	
<div><p>Council #14404 Joe Hickey, Grand Knight Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the Month.</p></div>	<div><p>SAINT EDWARD FAMILY CENTER</p><p>741 Washington Blvd. Lake Odessa, MI 48849</p><p>Available for rent (max. 330 People) For Information call 616-374-7253 EMAIL <a href="mailto:fredia@wowway.biz">fredia@wowway.biz</a></p></div>	<div><p>Saint Edward Preschool 616-374-7253 ext.201</p></div>
<div><p>STAIRLIFTS OF MICHIGAN RALPH RUSSEL (517) 202-3254</p><p>Stairlifts Wheel Chair Ramps Tub Conversions Bathroom Conversions</p><p>Email: <a href="mailto:ralph@stairliftsofmichigan.com">ralph@stairliftsofmichigan.com</a> Website: <a href="http://stairliftsofmichigan.com">stairliftsofmichigan.com</a></p><p>Lifetime Warranty Made in America</p></div>	<div><p>Saint Edwards sites, please scan the QR code for each.</p><div><p>Facebook</p></div><div><p>website</p></div></div>	

# Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

**May 11, 2025**  
Saint Edward Church  
531 Jordan Lake St.  
Lake Odessa, MI 48849

**Pastor:** Father Tom Brown  
[frtombrown@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:frtombrown@ssppcatholic.com)  
**Website:**  
[www.stedwardslakeodessa.org](http://www.stedwardslakeodessa.org)  
Office: 616.374.7253  
[stedwards@wowway.biz](mailto:stedwards@wowway.biz)  
**Facebook:** Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

**OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday  
8 AM-2 PM  
Closed Wednesday & Friday

**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

**Secretary:** Katherine Martin 616-374-7253  
**Bookkeeper:** Dan Shields  
**DRE:** Fredia 616-374-7253 ext. 202  
**Hall Manager:**  
Fredia 616-374-7253 ext. 201  
**Prayer Chain:**  
Gayle Peacock 616-374-8274  
**Pastoral Council:** Kathy Carnegie,  
Colleen King, and Fredia Wernette  
**Financial Council:** Andrew Snider,  
Jerry Tomandl, Allen Hamp, Chris Vinton,  
Mary Gillette & Marty Kretovic

**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.**



- 11 Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 Rv 7:9,14b-17 Jn 10:27-30
- 12 Monday: Easter Weekday: Saints Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs**  
Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Jn 10:1-10
- 13 Tuesday: Easter Weekend: Our Lady of Fatima**  
Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-7 Jn 10:22-30
- 14 Wednesday: Saint Matthias, Apostle**  
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17
- 15 Thursday: Easter Weekday: Saint Isidore**  
Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 Jn 13:16-20
- 16 Friday: Easter Weekday**  
Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11 Jn 14:1-6
- 17 Saturday: Easter Weekday**  
Acts 13: 44-52 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 14:7-14
- 18 Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-13 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



With Flowers and candy, phone calls and visits, and other gifts, sons and daughters of all ages, along with husbands and other relatives, will be giving honor ant thanks to mothers around the country. As we should. Remember the commandment, “Honor your Father and your Mother.” It is good to do so. The overwhelming majority of us do so willingly. We would do it even if it were not a commandment because we love our mothers. While this Sunday is her special day, we recognize that love is for more than just a day. When Monday morning comes and we return to our jobs and other responsibilities, we will continue to honor and love our mothers. They are not forgotten. We love them and honor them throughout the year.

Let us not forget our other mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is dedicated to honor her. Catholics have recognized Mary as our Mother since Christ, hanging on the cross, gave his dearest mother to John, his beloved disciple, saying, “Women, behold your son!” Then, turning to John, He said “Behold your mother.” The early Christians recognized in Jesus Christ’s giving of Mary to John that He was also giving her to us as a spiritual mother. And Mary, dear mother that she is always points us to Jesus, her son.

Some of our non-Catholic brothers and sisters get very nervous with any honor given to Mary as if somehow this detracts from the honor and glory due to Jesus Christ. Or as if God our Father would be upset with the respect being shown to his child? What son or daughter gets angry with praise and honor shown to their mother? The Bible tells us that all generations will call Mary blessed (Luke 1:48). Let us recognize that in giving honor to Mary, we not only obey scripture, but we also imitate Jesus Christ, who honored her. In honoring Mary, we also honor Jesus.

God Bless you,  
Fr. Tom

**Why do Catholics have different images of the Blessed Mother? ~ Growing in Faith™**

In the well-known Marian apparitions approved by the Church — Guadalupe, Lourdes, Fatima, and Kibeho — the Blessed Virgin Mary’s appearance seems to adapt to the local culture of those to whom she appears, while her central message remains consistent: a call to prayer, repentance and renewed devotion to the Faith. For example, the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe features symbolic elements that the Aztec people would have understood, communicating the Gospel message in a way that resonated within their cultural context. This adaptation of Mary’s appearance underscores her closeness to the communities she visits, reflecting the profound truth of her spiritual motherhood of all Christians.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS**

Sunday, May 11, 9:45 am

+ Bertha Meier

Tuesday, May 13, 9:00 am

+ Larry O’Mara (Ruth O’Mara)

Friday, May 16, 9:00 am

+ Living & Deceased members of the Walliczek Family

Saturday, May 17, 6:00 pm

Saint Edward Parish

**Lector:** Pat St. A.


**EMHC:** Carolyn M, & Yvonne M.

Sunday, May 18, 9:45 am

+ Don & Gert Arnes (Radamacher Family)

**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 15  
6-7 pm Cindy/Mary Gillette & Mary Endres  
7-8 pm Andrew Coates/ OPEN.

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 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday. Adorers are needed form 7-8 pm on the first (1st), third (3<sup>rd</sup>) and fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Thursdays. There are five (5) Thursdays in the month of May, 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.

**Capital Service Appeal**

Thank you for turning in your CSA pledge card. We are striving for 100% participation from our parish. To achieve this, we need everyone to return their pledge card regardless of amount. Pledge cards can be put in weekly collection, dropped off at the office or you may pledge online at <https://grdiocese.org/CSA/>.

Our participation in the CSA as individuals and as a parish enables us to unite with all Catholics in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Through the blessings we’ve received, together we are able to fund important work that benefits our parish and diocesan programs that support individuals, families, and communities throughout our 11 counties.

**Televised Sunday Mass:**

**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. and 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/>

**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 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. 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/](http://www.stedwardslakeodessa.org/parish-life/pre-school/)

Blessings,

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

**Donuts 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.

**Cor Men’s Group- September 13, 2025**

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.

Contact Andrew Coates with questions (269) 838-4418

**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.

**Family Perspective**

**by Bud Ozar**

Today’s gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they “hear our voice” what message do they hear?

**OUR PARISH OFFERING – May 3/4, 2025**

Adults	\$ 4,238.00
Loose:	\$ 276.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 4,514.00</b>
Budgeted Weekly:	\$ 3,850.00
<b>Overage/Shortage:</b>	<b>\$ 664.00</b>

**July 1, 2024 – May 4, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections**

Year-to-Date:	\$ 185,093.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 169,400.00
<b>Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>\$ 15,693.00</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 May 18: Pat Drake & Dan**

**The next finance Meeting will be June 2, 2025.**



The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on

**Tuesday, May 12**



**“Figuring the Kingdom:**

**The Substance of Things Hoped For”**

Donnelly Center at Aquinas College

157 Woodward Ln. SE, Grand Rapids

Thursday, May 15 7-9 p.m.

In *Spe Salvi*, Pope Benedict XVI proposed that the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love really are the "substance," the presence in the soul, of "things hoped for. The Kingdom of God is at once present to us now even as it has not yet arrived. How does the Church figure, or imagine, this in-between state? In this lecture by James Matthew Wilson, we'll consider the testimony of saints, popes, philosophers, and poets (Benedict, St. Augustine, Jacques Maritain, and Thomas MacGreevy) all of whom found different ways to figure the kingdom, to express the relationship of our presence, here in a particular place at a particular time, and the everlasting kingdom of God.

James Matthew Wilson is Cullen Foundation Chair in English Literature, the Founding Director of the Master of Fine Arts program in Creative Writing, at the University of Saint Thomas, Houston, Texas, and Catholic Studies Scholar in Residence at Aquinas College.

**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, Msgr. Lou Stasker

9 a.m. – Resurrection Cemetery (near the large cross) Fr. Weber

10 a.m. – Holy Cross Cemetery (in front of the mausoleum)

Fr. Zemaitis

Attendees at Resurrection and Holy Cross should bring a lawn chair or blanket due to limited seating. Visit [grcathcem.org](http://grcathcem.org) to learn more.