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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

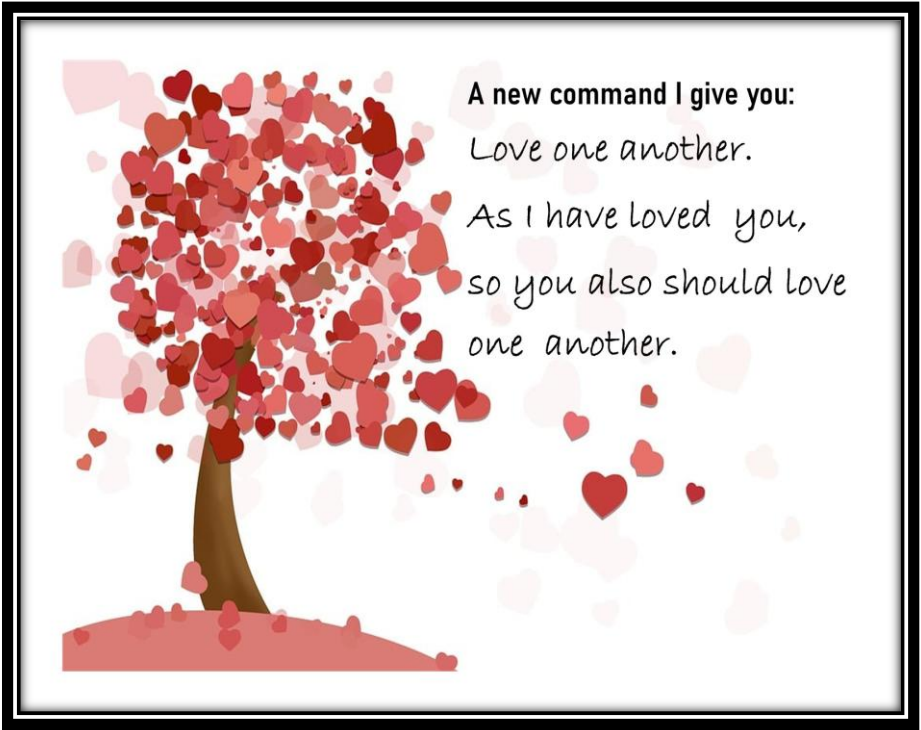
May 18, 2025
Saint Edward Church
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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday
8 AM-2 PM
Closed Wednesday & Friday

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



- 18 Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-13 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
- 19 Monday: Easter Weekday**
Acts 14:5-8 Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26
- 20 Tuesday: Easter Weekday; Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest**
Acts 14:19-25 Ps 145:10-13ab,21 Jn 14:27-31a
- 21 Wednesday: Easter Weekday: Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**
Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8
- 22 Thursday: Easter Weekday: Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious**
Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11
- 23 Friday: Easter Weekday**
Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-12 Jn 15:12-17
- 24 Saturday: Easter Weekday**
Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-3, 5 Jn 15:18-21
- 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

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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.

Mary, Our Mother
As we continue to give praise and glory to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we also think of his mother Mary during this month of May. God chose her from among all women before the dawn of time. He loved her more than He loved all of His creation. This makes perfect sense, right? If you were to pick your own mother as God did, would you not have done the same? God loved her with such a love that he bestowed on her a sum of graces more than He granted to his angels and his saints. He preserved her from any stain of sin or imperfection. No creature more beautiful or holy could ever have been conceived. Mary in the one person, next to God, our father, who could say to the divine Son: You are my Son. Our blessed Mother says to God Almighty, the Lord of the angels, his son when she asks, “Son, why have you treated us so?” What angel would dare to say such a thing? Bur Mary, fully aware of her motherhood, does not hesitate to call the Lord of heaven and earth her Son. God is not offended for being called what He wanted to be. He truly is the Son of Mary.

Mary, the Mother of God, is also our mother. As Jesus hung on the cross, He said “Women, behold your son!” As He motioned to John, Mary saw not only John but also all of us. In us, we recognized her Son, just as He had said, “As you did it for one of the least of these me brothers, you did it for Me.” It is also good to remember that along with these words of Jesus, Mary had always acted as a mother. She became our mother when she gave her ‘yes’ to the Father as He asked her to become the Mother of Jesus, our Savior. In the story of the wedding at Cana, St. John revealed to us her motherly heart in her caring vigilance for the people giving the feast that they would not be embarrassed by running out of wine. It showed she was concerned about all things human and nobody is excluded from her tenderness. So, our little faults and mistakes, as much as our bigger faults, are the object of her concern. She is interested in everything that can affect our soul. “They have no wine,” she says to her Son. Everybody else is concerned with other things. No one is aware of it. And even though it is clearly not the time yet for miracles, as Jesus say to her, she is able to make it arrive sooner. Jesus changed time and does the miracle for her.

Mary knows the heart of her Son, and she knows how to reach it. In heaven her attitude has not changed. Through her intercession, our prayers reach our Lord’s presence sooner, more certainly and better. This is why we use the ancient prayer of our Church saying, “O Virgin Mother of God, you who are always in His Presence, speak good things about us. Say something to Him in our favor. We need it so much!”

Indeed, we do need it so much. Especially when we are at fault. We have read of many times when God’s patience was at an end and Mary spoke up for us, asking for yet another chance. God always keeps saying yes to Mary.

Our asking Mary to pray with us and for us is not a manner of proposing to ourselves yet another devotion. If is learning to talk to Mary with more trust. We approach Mary with the simplicity of little children who run to their mothers at every moment. They don’t speak only when there is a great need but when they are worried about little things that happen to them. Their mothers gladly help them to solve every need, even the smallest of problems. Mary is the same with us. Today we dedicate to her, once again, all that we are and all that we have. We place in her lap the days that are good and those that are bad. We place especially in her hands our journey to Jesus that she may help us to stay free from harm and guard us with her tenderness as a mother does.

Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, May 18, 9:45 am

+ Don & Gert Arnes (Radamacher Family)

Tuesday, May 20, 9:00 am

+Robert Walliczek (Norbert Walliczek)

Friday, May 23, 9:00 am

+ Bertha Meier (Father Brown)

Saturday, May 24, 6:00 pm

Saint Edward Parish

Lector: Alan B.

EMHC: Alan B. & Yvonne M.

Sunday, May 25, 9:45 am

+ Vernon Brown (Fr. Brown)

Lector: Kathy C.

EMHC: Kathy C.



Adoration

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

Adorers Schedule for May 22

6-7 pm Fredia Wernette/ Marsha Stadel
7-8 pm Anne Adams/ 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 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 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.



Nicholas Halanski is a 2025 graduate of Lakewood High School. While in school he competed with the robotics team, played soccer, and is a member of National Honor Society. He is also active in Scout Troop 175 and recently earned his Eagle Scout award. In the fall, he will be attending University of Michigan to study Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering.

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/

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

In today’s gospel Jesus tells us: “Love one another.” Love holds a family together. It is not what a family *does* which makes it outstanding, rather it is what *is has*, love for one another.

OUR PARISH OFFERING – May 10/11, 2025

Adults	\$ 3,215.00
Loose:	\$ 175.00
Total receipts:	\$ 3,390.00
Budgeted Weekly:	\$ 3,850.00
Overage/Shortage:	\$ (460.00)

July 1, 2024 – May 11, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 188,483.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 173,250.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ 15,233.00

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 May 25: Greg Zuver & Mick Hickey

The next finance Meeting will be June 2, 2025.



The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on

Tuesday, May 12

First Communion May 4, 2025

