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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

Saint Edward Church
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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

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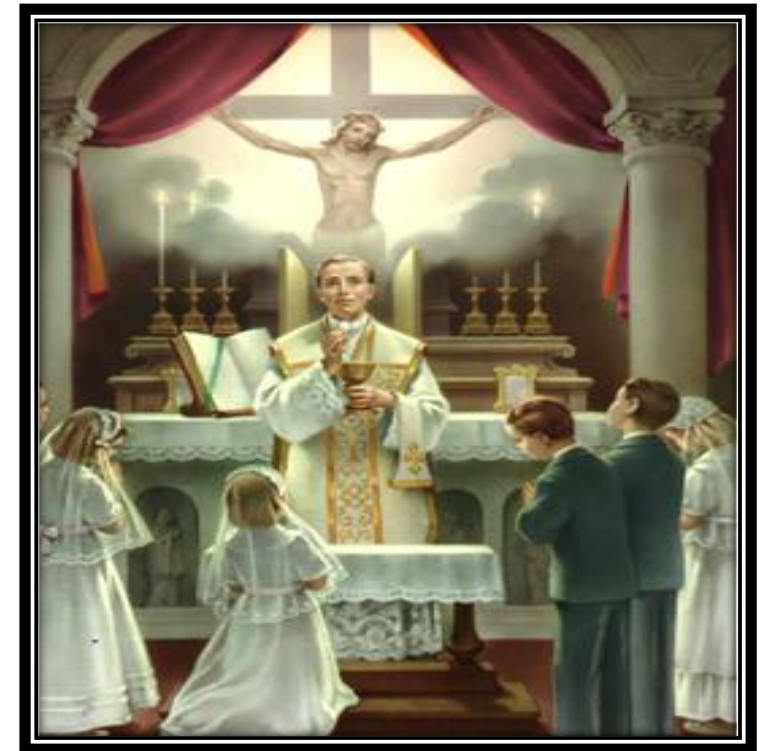
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



04 Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Ps 30:2,4-6.11-13 Rv 5:11-14
Jn 21:1-19

05 Monday: Easter Weekday

Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-25, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

06 Tuesday: Easter Weekend

Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab Jn 6:30-35

07 Wednesday: Easter Weekday

Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a Jn 6:35-40

08 Thursday: Easter Weekday

Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

09 Friday: Easter Weekday

Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1b-2 Jn 6:52-59

10 Saturday: Easter Weekday; Saint John of Avila, Priest, Doctor of the Church; Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69

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

CSA –

This week, you will receive a letter from Bishop Walkowiak asking you to make your commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries through the Catholic Services Appeal. These are ministries that benefit us all but are difficult for any one parish to provide on its own. Your gift to the CSA enables the Catholic Church to reach out to people in our 11 counties in a variety of ways, including through seminarian and deacon formation; youth programming; support for the homebound and incarcerated; families who are struggling; the hungry, and the homeless. Through the CSA, we all work together to care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has granted us. Our parish goal for 2025 is \$ 33,475 and 100% participation, which means every parishioner should return their pledge card. Please join us in this important work.



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. Logan Weber presiding.

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

Attendees at Resurrection and Holy Cross should bring a lawn chair or blanket due to limited seating. Visit grcathcem.org to learn more.

Is God calling you to consider the permanent diaconate?

Has the Vocations Prayer *moved* you to *question* if God is calling you to become a deacon? The Office of Diaconate Formation invites men with interest or questions about discernment and formation to a Discerning the Diaconate information session.

Monday, May 5

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Cathedral Square Center, 360 Division Ave. S. Grand Rapids.

To RSVP or learn more, contact Deacon Jerry Roersma, director of Deacon Formation, at 616-288-0913 or jroersma@grdiocese.org



Join us for a pilgrimage to the Solanus Casey Center

Searching for peace? On May 14, join Catholic Charities West Michigan as we embark on a pilgrimage to the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit. Inspired by the life and example of Blessed Solanus Casey, the center serves as a place of pilgrimage, healing, reconciliation, and peace – a perfect opportunity to draw closer to God in this Jubilee Year.

Partake in Mass, tour the center, and more. Tickets are \$70, which includes your bus ride to and from the center along with lunch. For more information or to register, visit ccwestmi.org/jubilee-year.

Questions? Please reach out to Sarah Stechschulte at sstechschulte@ccwestmi.org.

ENCOUNTERING THE SAINTS OF DIVINE MERCY IN POLAND November 3 – 11, 2025

Join Father Lam Le, pastor of St. John Paul II in Cedar Springs and Mary Queen of Apostles in Sand Lake, and Catholics from the Diocese of Grand Rapids as they embark on a special pilgrimage during this Jubilee Year to the homeland of Saint John Paul II.

Highlights include:

- Explore Old Town in the center of Mass celebrated by Fr. Lam Le at St. James Church in Warsaw
- Warsaw City.
- Visit the beautiful hilltop Jasna Gora Monastery, where Saint John Paul II made frequent visits throughout his life.
- Take a cable car ride to the breathtaking village of Zakopane and then head to the Jaszczurówka
- Chapel, which was visited many times by the young Karol Wojtyla (St. John Paul II).
- Explore Wawel Hill in Krakow. This hill is home to the Cathedral and Coronation Chapel, one of the most the most important sites in Poland.
- Spend time in prayer and reflection at the Auschwitz concentration camp. Visit the cell of St. Maximillian Kolbe.
- Visits to many other popular and devotional sites

For more information and to register contact Pattie Reynolds at preynolds@grdiocese.org or <https://www.206tours.com/cms/grdiocese/poland/>. Don’t delay, seats are limited!

Jesus Christ is ALIVE!

Jesus Christ is ALIVE! He has risen and lives forever. We know this. But it is something we really emphasize during this Easter season. He is Alive! And Jesus has given himself to us. He has given us the Eucharist. This means the Eucharist is Alive. Maybe you already know this. Maybe you once knew it but forgot. Or maybe this is brand new. Jesus is the Eucharist. When we come up to Communion, we receive Him. We receive His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. We receive Jesus. We receive the Eucharist. Jesus is alive. The Eucharist is alive.

When a stranger watches us receive the Eucharist, would he know this? When we receive the Eucharist, does it look like we believe we are about to take into our bodies the living person Jesus Christ, true God and true Man? How many times, Lord, have I forgotten that the Eucharist is alive? As I wait in line to receive you, do I think of how much you want to unite yourself with me? Am I seeing your hands filled with the graces you want to give me? Am I filled with awe at how much you want to come to me in this most intimate way? Or am I distracted, thinking of other things?

The Host we receive is not a thing. It is not a wafer. It is not bread. It is a person---And He is Alive. Still wondering? Think of this. Back in 1916 when Our Lady was preparing to appear in Fatima, an angel, the Angel of Peace, appeared to Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco. On his third visit, he brought with him the Eucharist. Suspending the Host and the chalice in the air, the angel threw himself prostrate on the ground and prayed:

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference with which He Himself is offended. And, through the infinite merits of his most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners.

An angel prostrates himself on the ground! We stand in line with our minds filled with distractions, walk up, receive the Eucharist, and return to our pews thinking about other things. But an angel, a pure spirit who lives in the presence of God, prostrates himself before the Eucharist in adoration! Think about it.

It is a pretty strong message. It was so strong that young Francisco spent the rest of his short life trying to console God in the Eucharist. So here is our invitation: We can treat God as just a symbol, or we can prostrate ourselves in front of Him, in adoration, gratitude, love and reparation. I am not suggesting we come up and throw ourselves on our faces in front of the Eucharist, but we can do it interiorly. As we receive, standing or kneeling, we can always, in our hearts, minds, and souls, be prostrate in loving God in the Eucharist. As the Sacred Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship explains, “The Church has always required from the faithful respect and reverence for the Eucharist at the moment of receiving it.” (Inaestimable Donum, 11). Pope Benedict XVI discusses it, saying that instead of arguing over receiving standing or kneeling, in the hand or on the tongue, we need to focus on the spirit of reverence with which the early Christians received the Eucharist.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus says: “I am the *living* bread . . . whoever eats this bread will live forever . . . just as the *living* Father sent Me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on Me will have life because of Me.”

May God bless you!

Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, May 4, 9:45 am

Saint Edward Parish

Tuesday, May 6, 9:00 am

+ Steven Goble

Friday, May 9, 9:00 am

Terri Walliczek

Saturday, May 10, 6:00 pm

+Fredrick & Phyllis Beckhold

(Brody & Aurora Beckhold; Nick & Leah Zurawski)

Lector: Kathy S.

EMHC: Carolyn M, & Yvonne M.

Sunday, May 11, 9:45 am

+ Bertha Meier

Lector: Anne A.

EMHC: Cindy G.



Adoration

Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.

May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29



Adorers Schedule for May 8

6-7 pm Connie Goble/ Suzanne King

7-8 pm Joe Coates/ 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.

In remembrance of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

We celebrate the following children

Receiving for the first time

HIS Most Sacred Body and Blood in

Holy communion

Scarlett Jones

Grace King

Jake Spitzley

Eva King

Lauren Snider

Genevieve Weller



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. 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.



Saint Edwards Easter Flower 2025

Kris & Dale Galaviz

Al & Mary Hamp

In Memory of Ray & Evelyn Orth, and Joe & Leona Tomandl
(Tomandl and Orth Families)

In Memory of Patrick & Helene Cabinaw, Michael & Helen
Smith, Jessica Smith, and Tim Smith (Mr.& Mrs. Michael Smith)

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wrubel

In Memory of Clark Family and Grades Family
(Eric & Paul Clark)

George & Carole Heinze

In Memory of Nugent, Schrauben & Wieland Families
(Betsy Wieland)

Joe Hickey Family

In Memory of Clarence & Agnes Slowinski (Yvonne McCaul)
Mr. & Mrs. Riha

In Memory of Albert & Gerladine Hodge (Irene Miller)

Ryan & Suzanne King

In Memory of Larry O’Mara and Michael O’Mara (Ruth O’Mara)

Katherine Possehn

In Memory of Carol M. Cantrell & Scottie Yuhas (The
Agostinelli Family)

In Memory of Lawrence Endres (Mary K. Endres)

In Memory of Larry, Cody and Dalton (Nuala Williams)

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Apr 26/27, 2025

Adults \$ 3,760.00

Loose: \$ 307.00

Total receipts: \$ 4,067.00

Budgeted Weekly: \$ 3,850.00

Overage/Shortage: \$ 217.00

July 1, 2024 – Apr 27, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date: \$ 180,579.00

Budgeted Year-to-Date: \$ 165,550.00

Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date: \$ 15,0296.00

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 4: Betsy Weiland & Joe Hickey



The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on

Tuesday, May 12

Cor Men’s Group- May 10

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- May 9

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

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/>

Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Jesus invited the disciples to “Come and have breakfast.” At this beach breakfast and the Last Supper Jesus teaches us meals should be more than eating. Family meals are opportunities to share prayer, listen to each other’s stories, understand and support one another.