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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

The Ascension of the Lord

June 1, 2025
Saint Edward Church
531 Jordan Lake St.
Lake Odessa, MI 48849

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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



- 01 Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord**
Acts 7:55-60 Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
Jn 17:20-26
- 02 Monday: Easter Weekday: Saints Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs**
Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3b, 4, 5ac, 6-7b Jn 16:29-33
- 03 Tuesday: Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs**
Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a
- 04 Wednesday: Easter Weekday**
Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b Jn 17:11b-19
- 05 Thursday: Saint Boniface, Bishop & Martyr**
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Jn 17:20-26
- 06 Friday: Easter Weekday; Saint Norbert, Bishop**
Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab Jn 21:15-19
- 07 Saturday: Easter Weekday**
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4-5,7 Jn 21:20-25
- 08 Sunday: Pentecost Sunday**
Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1ab, 24ac, 29bc-30, 31, 34
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 2-13 Jn 20:19-23

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.

Imagine this scene with me: you’re standing on a hillside outside Jerusalem. The wind stirs lightly. The sun is beginning to set, casting a golden glow over the hills. You are with Jesus—the one you saw crucified, the one who rose from the dead. For forty days, He has been teaching you, walking beside you, sharing meals with you again. And now, you watch as He lifts His hands in blessing—and slowly, miraculously, He is taken up before your eyes into the clouds.

You stand there frozen. Silent. Stunned.

What now?

That’s the question the disciples must have felt deep in their bones. What now?

And then, suddenly—angels appear and ask, “Why are you standing here looking up to the sky?” It’s as if they’re saying: “Don’t just stand there. You’ve got work to do.”

This moment is so important, not because Jesus is leaving, but because He’s commissioning. He’s handing the mission over—not to angels, not to scholars, not to politicians—but to fishermen, tax collectors, everyday people. People like you and me.

Here’s the practical truth of the Ascension: Jesus doesn’t want us to keep staring at the heavens, waiting for Him to return. He wants us to bring heaven to earth—through our actions, our words, our witness.

The disciples could have gone home and said, “Well, Jesus is gone. I guess that’s the end of the story.” But they didn’t. Scripture says they returned to Jerusalem with great joy. Why? Because they understood something essential: Jesus had not left them. He had been lifted up so He could be within them—through the Holy Spirit.

And this is where it meets our daily lives.

When you’re at home caring for a sick relative...

When you’re working hard at your job, trying to provide for your family...

When you’re the only one in your group who seems to be holding on to faith...

When you feel small in a world full of noise and conflict...

Jesus says: You will be my witnesses.

Not when everything is easy. Not when you’re perfect. Right now.

Just as the disciples had to go back and wait for the Holy Spirit, so must we. We need to pray, to listen, and to prepare. The power to witness doesn’t come from ourselves—it comes from God. But we do have to show up. We have to say yes. That might mean taking time each morning for prayer. It might mean forgiving someone who hurt you. It might mean offering a kind word at work, or standing up for what’s right when it’s uncomfortable.

Jesus has ascended, yes—but He has not retired. He reigns in glory and acts through us. The world still needs His voice—and He has chosen yours.

So don’t just stand there, staring at the clouds. Look around. Who needs to hear the Gospel from you? Who needs your love, your compassion, your courage?

Let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and say, “Lord, I’m ready. Use me.”

And may we live with the joy and boldness of people who know that Christ is not far away—He is with us always, even to the end of the age.

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, June 01, 9:45 am

+ Tommy Swift (Linda Swift)

Tuesday, June 03, 9:00 am

+Living & Deceased Members of

The Walliczek Family (Norbert Walliczek)

Friday, June 06, 9:00 am

+ Judy Beckwith (Connie Goble)

Saturday, June 07, 6:00 pm

Saint Edward Parish

Lector: Allen H.


EMHC: Carolyn M. & Yvonne M.

Sunday, June 08, 8:00 am **New Mass Time**

+ Tom Rademacher (The Rademacher Family)

Lector: Anne A.

EMHC: Mike R., Cindy G., & Chris V.



Adoration

Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.
June 5, 12, 19, and 26

Adorers Schedule for June 5

6-7 pm Connie Goble/ Suzanne King
7-8 pm Joe Coats/ 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, . Adorers are needed form 7-8 pm on the first (1st), third (3rd) and fourth (4th) Thursdays.

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

Father Tom Granted Senior Priest Status-

We would like to share some important news with our parish communities. After 26 years of service as a priest in the diocese of Grand Rapids and nine years of faithful and devoted service as Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Parish and Saint Edward Parish, Father Tom Brown will be retiring **effective June 30th**.

During his time with us, Father Tom has shown tremendous care for the people of our parishes, guiding our families in faith, supporting us in times of joy and sorrow, and helping us grow as a community centered in Christ. His dedication and spiritual leadership have been a blessing to us all, and he will be deeply missed.

As he enters senior priest status, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Father Tom and offer our prayers for his continued health and peace in retirement. The Diocese has also announced that, **effective July 1st**, Father Eugene Batunghacal will be appointed as Canonical Administrator of both Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Edward Parishes.

We look forward to welcoming Father Eugene and walking together in faith as he begins this new role in our communities. Please keep both Father Tom and Father Eugene in your prayers during this time of transition.

Father Tom will be available after Mass on June 15, for you to have an opportunity say “good-bye and wish him well”.



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



Come and join us in the Family Center after Sunday Mass for donuts and coffee in the Family Center. This will continue until further notice.

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

Exploring Catholicism?

Saint Edwards is having a Learn and Mingle open house. On June 12 at The Main Floor 1037 4th Ave., Lake Odessa MI., from 7-9 pm. This is a no pressure event- just food and friendly conversation to help you discern the next steps in your faith journey. To register email ociaStEdwards@gmail.com or scan.



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.

OUR PARISH OFFERING – May 24/25, 2025

Adults	\$ 4,285.00
Loose:	\$ 216.00
Total receipts:	\$ 4,501.00
Budgeted Weekly:	\$ 3,850.00
Overage/Shortage:	\$ 651.00

July 1, 2024 – May 25, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 198,594.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 180,950.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ 17,644.00

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 June 8: Cindy Gillette and Dan

The next Finance Meeting will be on **June 2, 2025**.



The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on

Tuesday, June 10

Capital Service Appeal

Our Catholic faith is a gift that unites our parish family with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Grand Rapids and in the universal Church. We all are pilgrims on a journey of faith, striving daily to become disciples of Christ through stewardship. When we give to the CSA, we are supporting individuals and families in our parish, in our communities and beyond.

With your generous response, to date we have reached 69.4% of our parish CSA goal. This is with only 40 households responding. Thank you for your stewardship! Our goal is 100% participation, which means a completed pledge card from ever household.

Remember any amount over our goal is returned to the parish. If you have not responded, please do so as soon as possible. Learn more at GRdiocese.org/CSA

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Jesus tells us today, “you are my witnesses” and guarantees the “promise of the Father” to “clothe us with the power to accomplish this mission. It is not worldly power which dominates and manipulates. It is the power of the Kingdom of God to live in peace, forgiveness, compassion, service to others, love of enemies and care for the poor and defenseless.

A Change to our Sunday Mass Schedule

The Sunday Mass schedule at St. Edward, Lake Odessa, and SS. Peter and Paul, Ionia, will be changing on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th. Sunday mornings will change. The new schedule is as follows:

St. Edward – Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

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

Thank you for your understanding and patience.