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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025
Saint Edward Church
531 Jordan Lake St.
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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
8 AM-2 PM
Close Wednesdays & Fridays

MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday Vigil **6:00 PM**
Sunday **8:00 AM**

Weekday Masses:
Tuesday **9:00 AM**
Friday **9:00 AM**

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Thursday **6:30 PM-7:30 PM**
or by appointment

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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.



- 20 Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Gn 18: 1-10a Ps 15:2-5 Cp; 1:24-28 Lk 10:38-42
- 21 Monday:** Weekday: Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor of the Church
Ex 14:5-18 (Ps) Ex 15:1b-6 Mt 12:38-42
- 22 Tuesday:** Saint Mary Magdalene
Sg 3:1-4a Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- 23 Wednesday:** Weekday: Saint Bridget, Religious
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Ps 78:18-19, 23-28 Mt 13:1-9
- 24 Thursday:** Weekday; Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest
Ex 19:1-2, 9-1, 16-20b (Ps)Dn 3:52-56 Mt 13:10-17
- 25 Friday:** Saint James, Apostle
2 Cor 4: 7-15 Ps 126:1b-6 Mt 20:20-28
- 26 Saturday:** Weekday
Ex 24: 3-8 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Mt 13:24-30
- 27 Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Gn 18: 20-32 Ps 138:1-3, 6-8 Col 2: 12-14 Lk 11:1-13

Change may be Inevitable, But Love endures forever!
Scripture: Psalm 136

I've often heard that change always happens. It is inevitable. Either we go with change and be content, or fight change and end up disappointed. Sounds like one loses either way. We cannot simply embrace change, especially when we know it leads to falsehood, pain, or against the will of God. How, then, are we to understand the change happening to us and around us?

In the Book of Psalms, particularly in Psalm 136, we find a beautiful hymn of thanksgiving that reminds us, “God’s love endures forever.” In times of change, whether they are physical, spiritual, emotional, or beyond your control, it’s important to remember that God’s love for you remains constant. This unwavering love can guide you toward hope and peace, even in the most challenging moments. As you open your heart to embrace God’s enduring love in your life, you’ll discover a deep sense of trust in Him at every step of your journey. Know that you are not alone; His love is there to support and uplift you through every twist and turn. In times of uncertainty, do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in Him!

El cambio puede ser inevitable, ¡pero el amor dura para siempre!

Escritura: Salmo 136

A menudo he escuchado que el cambio siempre ocurre. Es inevitable. O vamos con el cambio y estamos contentos o luchamos contra el cambio y terminamos decepcionados. Parece que uno pierde de cualquier manera. No podemos simplemente abrazar el cambio, especialmente cuando sabemos que conduce a la falsedad, al dolor o en contra de la voluntad de Dios. Entonces, ¿cómo vamos a entender el cambio que nos está sucediendo a nosotros y a su alrededor?

En el Libro de los Salmos, particularmente en el Salmo 136, encontramos un hermoso himno de acción de gracias que nos recuerda: "El amor de Dios perdura para siempre". En tiempos de cambio, ya sean físicos, espirituales, emocionales o fuera de tu control, es importante recordar que el amor de Dios por ti permanece constante. Este amor inquebrantable puede guiarte hacia la esperanza y la paz, incluso en los momentos más difíciles. A medida que abres tu corazón para abrazar el amor duradero de Dios en tu vida, descubrirás un profundo sentido de confianza en Él en cada paso de tu viaje. Sepa que no está solo; Su amor está ahí para apoyarlo y elevarlo a través de cada giro y vuelta. En tiempos de incertidumbre, no dejen que sus corazones se atruen.

¡Confía en Él!

Eugene

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS
Sunday, July 20, 8:00 am
Fred Teachworth (Connie Teachworth)
Tuesday, July 22, 9:00 am
+Living & deceased members of the Walliczek Family
Friday, July 25, 9:00 am
+Philip O’Mara (Ruth O’Mara)
Saturday, July 26, 6:00 pm
+ Virginia Vipond (Ruth O’Mara)
Lector: Pat St. A
EMHC: Carolyn M. & Yvonne M.
Sunday, July 27, 8:00 am
+ Alice Wernette (Ruth O’Mara)
Lector: Alan B.
EMHC: Alan B., & Mary H.



“May the angels welcome you into paradise,
May the martyrs greet you on your way,
May you see the face of the Lord this day.”

Please pray for the soul of Marlene Harkey, Wife of Michael Brian Harkey, who passed from death to life on July 9, 2025.

“Eternal rest grant unto her, Oh Lord, may she rest in peace.”

Adoration



Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.
July 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31

Adorers' Schedule for July 24
6-7 Fredia Wernette / Marsha Stadel
7-8 Anne Adams/ Open

Thank you to all who 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 from 7-8 pm on the first (1st), third (3rd), and fourth (4th) Thursdays.

If you need more information or have questions, please get in touch with Suzanne King at 269-271-6406

Summer Office Closures (Cierre de la oficina durante el Verano)

During the summer months, the office will be closed from July 23 through July 29. Thank you, Katherine

(Durante los meses de verano, la oficina permanecerá cerrada del 23 al 29 de julio. Gracias, Katherine.)

Note From Father Eugene:

Father Eugene is available to meet with you. Please call the office for an appointment.
Monday will be his day off.

Nota de Father Eugene:

El Padre Eugene está disponible para reunirse con usted. Por favor, llame a la oficina para programar una cita.
El lunes será su día libre.)

Televised Sunday Mass:

Join us each week for the live broadcast at 10 a.m. Sunday Mass from the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. Watch on TV on FOX 17, or online at grdiocese.org or the diocesan Facebook page (Diocese of Grand Rapids)

Please Pray for:

Marlene Harkey Family, Robert Rasche,
Randy Armstrong, Jake Jacobson,
Julie Sutton VanLiew & 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 August 7 at 1:00 pm, in the library.
For more information, please call Marsha at (269)367-4403.

Volunteers Needed for Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word program for ages 4 (PreK) through 1st grade that will begin in the Fall. We are looking for volunteers to present the lessons to our parish children each week during the 8 am mass.

For more information or to get involved, contact the DRE office at 374-7253 X4.

Donuts and Coffee



Come over to the Family Center after the 8 am
Sunday Mass for fellowship, donuts, and coffee.

Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Cell phones, emails, faxes, texts, and voice mails can reduce our lives to a continual series of interrupted moments. Listen to Jesus in today’s gospel: “You are anxious about many things,” robbing us of the precious time needed to BE with others. Quality time is QUANTITY time.

OCIA schedule --

Inquiry Segment

Wednesday, July 30
Wednesday, August 13
Wednesday, August 27

A Few Important Notes

- If you're familiar with our former format, the biggest change is that we’re starting in the summer instead of waiting for fall.
- The OCIA journey is now divided into three segments: Inquiry, Catechumenate, and Enlightenment. Don’t worry if that sounds unfamiliar—we’ll explain everything!
- During July and August, we’ll meet every other week. Starting in September, we’ll shift to weekly sessions.
- All sessions are on Wednesday evenings from 6:30–8:00 p.m., held at Anne’s house (753 5th Ave., Lake Odessa).
- Come hungry—Anne always treats us to an amazing spread of food and drink! The atmosphere is casual, welcoming, and full of good conversation.

If you have any questions, email annea54@yahoo.com—we’re happy to help.

In Christ,

St. Edward Catholic Church OCIA Team
Anne, Jerry, Alan, and Andrew

OUR PARISH OFFERING – July 12/13, 2025

Adults	\$ 6,981.00
Loose:	\$ 417.00
Total receipts:	\$ 7,398.00
Budgeted Weekly:	\$ 4,000.00
Overage/Shortage:	\$ 3,398.00

July 1, 2025 – July 13, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 11,762.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 8,,000.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ 3,762.00

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 July 27- Greg Zuver & Doug Fox

CSA Update –

Thank you for your gifts to the 2025 Catholic Services Appeal! Your generous support funds essential diocesan Ministries that strengthen us in Christ.

To date, 67 Families, representing 47% of our parish households, have contributed \$37,230 towards our parish goal. Please keep in mind that any amount raised over our goal is returned to the parish.

Our goal of 100% participation means a completed pledge card from every household, regardless of financial support provided.



The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on

Tuesday, August 12

It’s Parish Festival Season!

Celebrate the sights and sounds of summer by visiting a parish festival near you. These gatherings provide an opportunity to worship and celebrate our local Church.

Find a parish festival this weekend by visiting: GRdiocese.org/parish-festivals-guide-2025/

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences Coming Up!

Nurture your Sacrament of Marriage at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience! Upcoming experiences are being held 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.

Grand Rapids Diocese is Hiring!

We are looking for individuals who are passionate about sharing the Catholic faith to fill positions in our Catholic schools, parishes, and at the diocese.
Find openings at: grdiocese.org/employment/