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# Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**August 10, 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  
Close Wednesday & Friday

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

**Weekday Masses:**  
Tuesday 12:10 PM  
Friday 9:00 AM  
Saturday 8:00 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
Tuesday 11 AM- 12 PM (Noon)  
Thursday 6:30 PM-7:30 PM  
First Friday After 9 AM Mass  
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.



**10 Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Wis 18:6-9 Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 12:32-48

**11 Monday:** Weekday: Saint Clare, Virgin  
Dt 10:12-22 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Mt 17:22-27

**12 Tuesday:** Weekday; Saint Janes Frances de Chantal, Religious  
Dt 31:1-8 (Ps) Dt 32:3-4b, 7-9, 12 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**13 Wednesday:** Weekend; Saints Pontian, Pope, & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs  
Dt 34:1-12 Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17 Mt 18:15-20

**14 Thursday:** Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr  
Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Ps 114:1-6 Mt 18:21—19:1

**15 Friday:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10bc, 11-12bc, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

**16 Saturday:** Weekday: Saint Stephen of Hungary  
Jos 24:14-29 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11 Mt 19:13-15

**17 Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Ps 40:2-4, 18 Heb 12:1-4, 18 Lk 12:49-53



Finding Meaning in Life

*Jeremiah 29:11 For I know well the plans I have in mind for you—oracle of the LORD—plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope* (NABRE)

Viktor Frankl was a compassionate psychologist whose profound insights emerged from his harrowing experiences as a prisoner in a concentration camp during World War II. After enduring such unimaginable suffering, he authored “Man’s Search for Meaning,” where he emphasized the essential human drive to find meaning in our lives. He believed that when we discover that meaning, we can triumph over even the most difficult challenges.

Living with a sense of purpose can be a powerful motivation that helps us navigate life’s journey. However, it's important that our purpose extends beyond mere self-satisfaction. True fulfillment arises when our intentions are rooted in the desire to love God and to extend kindness, goodness, and love to one another.

In moments of reflection, let us turn to God for guidance. May we seek His wisdom in our thoughts and actions, allowing us to discern and embrace the purpose He has for us—a purpose-driven life that uplifts ourselves and those around us. Thus, giving praise and glory to God.

Sobre Encontrar El Propósito En La Vida

*Jeremias 29:11 Porque Yo sé los planes que tengo<sup>[a]</sup> para ustedes”, declara el SEÑOR, “planes de bienestar y no de calamidad, para darles un futuro y una esperanza (Nueva Biblia de las Americas)*

Viktor Frankl fue un psicólogo compasivo cuyas profundas ideas surgieron de sus terribles experiencias como prisionero en un campo de concentración durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial. Después de soportar un sufrimiento inimaginable, escribió *El hombre en busca de sentido*, en el que enfatizó el impulso humano esencial de encontrar sentido a nuestras vidas. Creía que cuando descubrimos ese sentido, podemos triunfar incluso sobre los retos más difíciles.

Vivir con un propósito puede ser una poderosa motivación que nos ayuda a navegar por el viaje de la vida. Sin embargo, es importante que nuestro propósito vaya más allá de la mera satisfacción personal. La verdadera plenitud llega cuando nuestras intenciones se basan en el deseo de amar a Dios y de extender la bondad, la generosidad y el amor a los demás.

En los momentos de reflexión, acudamos a Dios en busca de orientación. Busquemos Su sabiduría en nuestros pensamientos y acciones, lo que nos permitirá discernir y abrazar el propósito que Él tiene para nosotros: una vida significativa que nos eleve a nosotros mismos y a quienes nos rodean.

De esta manera, alabaremos y glorificaremos a Dios.

*Father Eugene Batungbacal*

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, August 10, 8:00 am

Saint Edward Parish

Tuesday, August 12, 12:10 pm

+Vernon Brown (Fr. Brown)

Friday, August 15, 9:00 am

+ Jeanette Campbell (Norbert Walliczek)

Saturday, August 16, 8:00 am

Saint Edward Parish

Saturday, August 16, 6:00 pm

+ Fredrick & Phyllis Beckhold

(Nick & Leah Zurawski; Brody & Aurora Beckhold)

Sunday, August 17, 8:00 am

+ Fred Teachworth (Connie Teachworth)

Dear St. Edward Parishioners,


I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the incredibly warm welcome you extended to me last Saturday. Your kindness and heartfelt kindness and hospitality truly moved me, and I feel immensely blessed and humbled to serve as your shepherd during this journey.

Let us continue to hold one another in our prayers, fostering a community of support and love. May we find inspiration in the spirit of Saint Edward, who embodied kindness, a profound love for God and the Church, and an earnest desire for holiness. Together, let’s embrace this spiritual path, uplifting one another through life’s joys and challenges.

I pray that God rewards each of you for your incredible kindness, hospitality, and generosity.

With peace and God’s abundant blessings,

Father Eugene



**Adoration**

Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.  
August 7, 14, 21, & 28


Adorers' Schedule for August

6-7 Connie Goble/ Suzanne King  
7-8 Joe Coates/ Open

Thank you to all who have signed up for adoration.

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

Donuts and Coffee



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

Ven al Centro Familiar después de la misa dominical  
de las 8 a. m. para compartir, disfrutar de donas y café.

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:

Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong, Jake Jacobson,  
Julie Sutton VanLiew, Marlene Harkin Family  
& 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 a family member.*

Grief Support Group

The next meeting will be on September 4 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

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

School starts in a few weeks, and Catholic schools want to Welcome your child for the 2025–26 school year!

Seats in childcare, preschool, elementary, and high school are filling up quickly. With a commitment to spiritual development and academic excellence, our schools are places where your child can grow in faith and knowledge. Learn more by scanning the QR code.

**Saint Edward Preschool** has 1 spot available in the 4's program and 5 spots available in the 3's program. Contact Fredia for more information.

Already a Catholic school parent?

Encourage families in your community to consider Catholic schools. Use the QR code to refer a family today!



OCIA schedule -- Inquiry Segment

Meeting every other week:  
•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](mailto:annea54@yahoo.com)—we’re happy to help.

In Christ,

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

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Aug 2/3, 2025

Adults	\$ 3,520 .00
Loose:	\$ 1,026.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 4,546.00</b>
Budgeted Weekly:	\$ 4,000.00
<b>Overage/Shortage:</b>	<b>\$ 546.00</b>

July 1, 2025 – Aug 3, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections\

Year-to-Date:	\$ 34,618.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	20,000.00
<b>Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>\$ 14,618.00</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 August 17- Pat Drake & Doug Fox




The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on

**Tuesday, August 12**

We are beginning a new Holy Hour program this year as part of our Faith in Action plan. Upcoming dates for the Knights of Columbus Holy Hours this fraternal year.

2025/2026 Fraternal Year Holy Hours
Thursday, October 30
Thursday, January 29
Thursday, April 30



**It’s time for a picnic!**

We are looking for parishioners to help with the preparation for this year’s Church Picnic.

Please contact Joe or Criss Hickey to join the planning party ***THIS WEEK.***

[joechickey@yahoo.com](mailto:joechickey@yahoo.com)  
(517) 331-4295 (Joe’s cell)

We are looking for 5 – 6 parishioners (not just Knights) to help make this year’s picnic enjoyable and to welcome Father Eugene to St. Edward’s and the community.

Please don’t think that someone else will step up and do this. Grow closer to Christ and put YOUR Faith in Action!

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In today’s gospel, a servant WAITED for the master to return. Waiting is a normal part of family life. We wait for a child’s birth, then for small legs to catch up. Later, we wait for the teenagers to return home safely. Finally, we wait alone, anticipating a call or visit from an adult child. Waiting is sacred time, for even in the waiting, we are connected.