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<div><p>SAINT EDWARD FAMILY CENTER</p><p>741 Washington Blvd. Lake Odessa, MI 48849</p><p>Available for rent (max. 330 People) For Information call 616-374-7253 EMAIL <a href="mailto:fredia@wowway.biz">fredia@wowway.biz</a></p></div>	<p>Saint Edwards sites, please scan the QR code for each.</p> <div><div><p>Facebook</p></div><div><p>website</p></div></div>	

Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 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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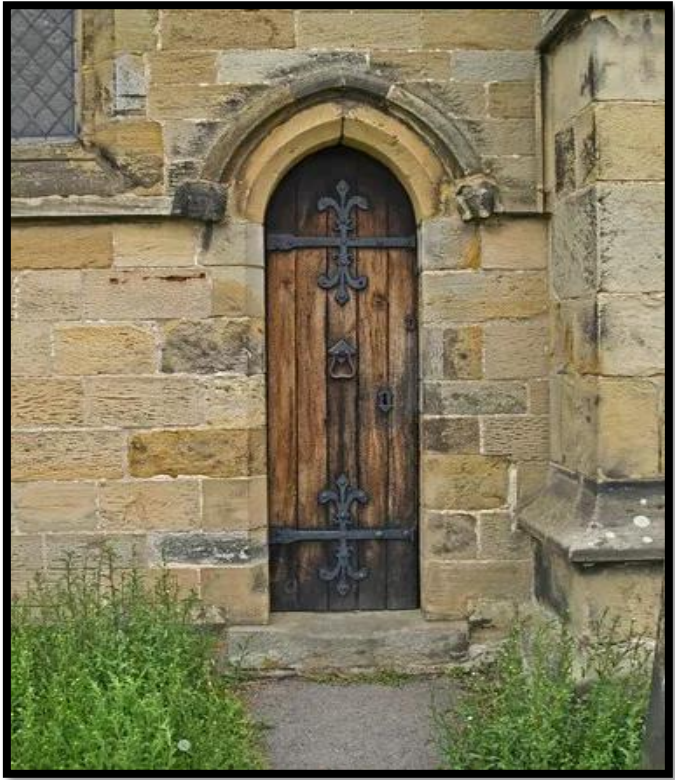
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and Fredia Wernette

**Financial Council:** Andrew Snider,  
Jerry Tomandl, Mary Gillette & Marty Kretovic

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.



**24 Sunday: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1b-2 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30

**25 Monday:** Weekday: Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasan, Priest  
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Mt 23:13-22

**26 Tuesday:** Weekday  
1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 Mt 23:23-26

**27 Wednesday:** Saint Monica  
1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12b Mt 23:27-32

**28 Thursday: Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**  
1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17 Mt 24:42-51

**29 Friday:** The Passion of Saint John the Baptist  
1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12 Mk 6:17-29

**30 Saturday:** Weekday  
1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Mt 25:14-30

**31 Sunday: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Ps 68:4-7, 10-11 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a  
Lk 14:1, 7-14



WELCOME TO THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

This week marks the beginning of a brand-new school year at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School for 2025-2026, and we couldn't be more excited! We give a warm welcome to all our students, both returning and new. Get ready for a year filled with fun, adventure, and a whole lot of learning!

We want to give a huge thank you to our amazing parents for all their support and dedication in making sure the kids receive the best education possible. A big shout-out to our wonderful teachers for all the hard work they’ve put in to prepare exciting lessons for our students.

Let’s take a moment to feel grateful for the blessings we have, and let’s come together in prayer to God for a fantastic and blessed school year ahead!

Our St. Edward Preschool program for 3- and 4-year-olds will be having its open house on August 26 from 4:30 to 5:30 PM.

Blessing Prayer for Teachers and Students

(Prayer Source: Book of Blessings prepared by International Commission on English in the Liturgy, A Joint Commission of Catholic Bishops' Conferences, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota, 1989)

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love, you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. In times long past, you sent us your prophets to teach your laws and to bear witness to your undying love. You sent us your Son to teach us by word and example that true wisdom comes from you alone.

Send your Spirit upon these students and their teachers and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that during this academic year, they may devote themselves to their studies and share what they have learned from others.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

¡BIENVENIDOS AL PRIMER DÍA DE CLASE!

Esta semana marca el comienzo de un nuevo año escolar en la Escuela Católica Saints Peter and Paul para el 2025-2026, ¡y no podríamos estar más emocionados! Damos una cálida bienvenida a todos nuestros alumnos, tanto a los que regresan como a los nuevos. ¡Prepárense para un año lleno de diversión, aventuras y mucho aprendizaje!

Queremos dar las gracias a nuestros maravillosos padres por todo su apoyo y dedicación para garantizar que los niños reciban la mejor educación posible. También queremos dar las gracias a nuestros maravillosos profesores por todo el esfuerzo que han dedicado a preparar clases emocionantes para nuestros alumnos.

Me gustaría invitar la comunidad hispana para considerar educación católica para sus hijos. Si quiere más información llámame para una cita.

Dediquemos un momento a sentirnos agradecidos por las bendiciones que tenemos y unámonos en oración a Dios para que el año escolar que tenemos por delante sea fantástico y bendecido.

Oración de bendición para profesores y alumnos

Señor, Dios nuestro, en tu sabiduría y amor nos rodeas con los misterios del universo. En tiempos pasados nos enviaste a tus profetas para enseñarnos tus leyes y dar testimonio de tu amor eterno. Nos enviaste a tu Hijo para enseñarnos con palabras y ejemplos que la verdadera sabiduría proviene solo de ti.

Envía tu Espíritu sobre estos alumnos y sus profesores y llénalos de tu sabiduría y tus bendiciones. Concédeles que durante este año académico se dediquen a sus estudios y compartan con los demás lo que han aprendido.

Concédelo por Cristo nuestro Señor.

FATHER EUGENE BATUNGBACAL

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, August 24, 8:00 am

+ Virginia Vipond (Norbert Walliczek)

Tuesday, August 26, 12:10 pm

+Ray Dietrich (Fr. Brown)

Friday, August 29, 9:00 am

+ Jim Miller (Irene Miller)

Saturday, August 30, 8:00 am

+ Vernon Brown (Fr. Brown)

Saturday, August 30, 6:00 pm

+Fred Teachworth (Connie Teachworth)

Lector: Greg H.


EMHC: Bill & Mary Sutton

Sunday, August 31, 8:00 am

+ Bertha Meier (Father Brown)

Lector: Anne A.

EMHC: Mary H. & Cindy G.



**Adoration**


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

Adorers' Schedule for August 28

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

Altar Servers Needed

Saint Edwards is looking for anyone who has already received their First Communion and would love to serve the Lord with gladness at the Holy Mass. There will be altar server training on **September 21**. This training is open to those who want to become altar servers and those who are current altar servers.

Please RSVP by signing up on the Altar Server training signup sheet located at the entrances. If you have any questions, you may contact Suzanne King at 269-271-6406 or Fredia at 616-374-7253 ext. 4.

**Family Perspective**

The phrase in today’s gospel, “I don’t know where you come from,” is often used by parents about children and children about parents. Change is so rapid that one generation has little in common with another. We rely on love, trust, and mutual respect to bridge this gap.

**by Bud Ozar**

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 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.

**Saint Edward’s Faith Formation 2025-2026**

Classes will begin on Sunday, September 7, and run from 9:15 am to 10:30 am. Faith formation is for all students from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Contact Fredia at 616-374-7253 x4 or at fredia@wowway.biz.

**St. Edward’s Preschool -2025-26**

Saint Edward Preschool will be having its open house on August 26 from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

Classes start on September 8 for the 4-year-olds and on September 9 for the 3-year-olds. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year.

We still have spots in our 3-year-old program. 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

**OCIA schedule –**

**Inquiry Segment**  
**Wednesday, August 27**  
**September 3, 10, & 17**

**Catechumenate Segment**  
**September 24**  
**October 1, 8, 15, & 29**

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 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 – Aug 16/17, 2025	
Adults	\$ 1,971 .00
Loose:	\$ 796.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 2,767.00</b>
Budgeted Weekly:	\$ 4,000.00
<b>Overage/Shortage:</b>	<b>\$ ( 1,233.00)</b>

July 1, 2025 – Aug 17, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections\	
Year-to-Date:	\$ 40,721.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	28,000.00
<b>Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>\$ 12,721.00</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 31- Cindy Gillette & Mike Hickey

The next Finance Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 26, at 6:30 p.m.



The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on

**Tuesday, September 9**



**Save the date,**  
**September 14, 2025**  
Time: TBA

Appeal for Donations

Our migrant farmers work hard so that the fields produce good crops and bountiful harvests. We would like to invite everyone to consider donating travel-size toiletries, such as shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, etc., as well as adult-size t-shirts or towels for use by the farmers. If you can donate any of these items, please bring them to the parish, and we will distribute them accordingly. Thank you for your generosity.

May God Bless You.

Llamamiento para donaciones

Nuestros agricultores migrantes trabajan duro para que los campos produzcan buenas cosechas y abundantes cosechas. Nos gustaría invitar a todos a considerar la posibilidad de donar artículos de aseo personal de tamaño de viaje, como champú, jabón, cepillos de dientes, etc., así como camisetas o toallas de tamaño adulto para uso de los agricultores. Si puede donar alguno de estos artículos, por favor tráigalos a la parroquia y los distribuiremos como corresponda. Gracias por su generosidad.

Que Dios los bendiga.