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# Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

## The Twenty-Fifth Sunday

### In Ordinary Time

**September 21, 2025**  
Saint Edward Church  
531 Jordan Lake St.  
Lake Odessa, MI 48849

**Pastor:** Father Eugene Batungbacal, C. Ss. R.  
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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
8 AM-2 PM  
Closed on Wednesday & Friday

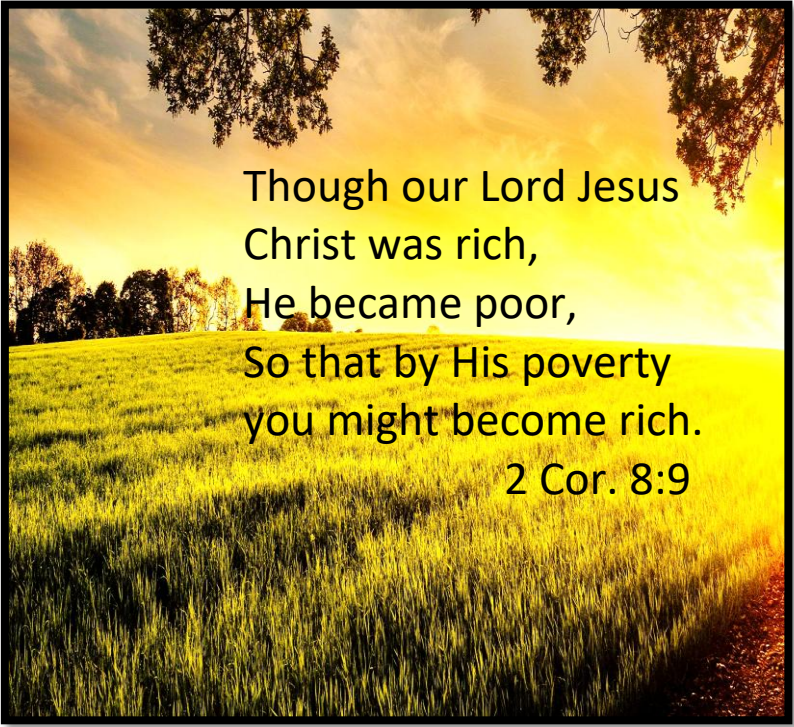
**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
Saturday Vigil 6:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
Thursday 6:30 PM-7:30 PM  
First Friday After 9 AM Mass  
or by appointment

**Secretary:** Katherine Martin 616-374-7253  
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**Prayer Chain:** Gayle Peacock 616-374-8274  
**Pastoral Council:** Kathy Carnegie, Colleen King, 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.



Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich,  
He became poor,  
So that by His poverty  
you might become rich.  
2 Cor. 8:9

**21 Sunday: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2, 4-8 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13

**22 Monday: Weekday**  
Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1b-6 Lk 8:16-18

**23 Tuesday: Saint Pius of Peitrelcine, Priest**  
Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 8:19-21

**24 Wednesday: Weekday**  
Ezr 9:5-9 (Ps)Tb 13:2-4, 7-8 Lk 9:1-6

**25 Thursday: Weekday**  
Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Lk 9:7-9

**26 Friday: Weekday; Saint Cosmos & Damian, Martyrs**  
Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1-4 Lk 9:18-22

**27 Saturday: Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**  
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a (Ps) Jer 31:10-12b, 13 Lk 9:43b-45

**28 Sunday: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Am 6:1a, 4-7 Ps 146:7-10 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31



**PRIEST CONVOCATION RETREAT:  
September 22-26, 2025**

Every year, the priests of the Diocese of Grand Rapids gather together to spend time in prayer, reflection, study, and fellowship. The annual priest convocation provides an opportunity for priests to be renewed in their spirit and vocation, give God thanks for His gift of the priesthood, and to rekindle the time of fraternity life with other priests. A Bishop once said, "A priest is called to serve God and His people, and to assist his bishop by governing, teaching, and sanctifying. In modern times, it may seem like a priest is expected to be able to administer with an MBA, counsel with the spirituality of the saints, offer a love for the poor of Saint Mother Teresa, maintain the constant energy of a newly ordained priest, and resolve issues with the wisdom of a seasoned pastor."

This week, though there is no regular Mass, I invite you to pray the rosary. Let’s pray together for an increase in priestly vocations in our Diocese, for the well-being of our priests, and for the spiritual renewal of our Catholic Church. We’re excited to share that the students of Saint Peter and Paul Catholic School will be leading a rosary prayer at 8 a.m. We hope you can join us!

The Knights of Columbus at St Edward will lead a rosary prayer at 7 PM on Thursday.

**Dear St. Edward Parish Family,**

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who contributed to making our St. Edward Parish Picnic not just a success, but a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and community building. Your dedication and effort truly shine through in everything you do.


A special thank you goes to Brian Haskin for generously donating the pork chops and to everyone who brought the delicious dish for everyone to share. Your kindness and generosity have not gone unnoticed! I am also incredibly thankful to the wonderful men who took the time to cook them to perfection, all while managing to enjoy the Lions’ game. Your multitasking and enthusiasm added so much to the spirit of the day.

I must extend my deep appreciation to the Knights of Columbus, their wives and families, especially to Ryan and Paul, whose help was invaluable in bringing this event together. And to all the countless men and women who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure this picnic was such a joyful experience—thank you! Your hard work and commitment to our parish community truly warms my heart.

God bless you all!

With all my gratitude,  
Father Eugene Batungbacal

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS  
Sunday, September 21, 8:00 am  
+ Vernon Brown (Fr. Brown)  
Tuesday, September 23, 12:10 pm  
**No Mass**  
Friday, September 26, 9:00 am  
**No Mass**  
Saturday, September 27, 6:00 pm  
+ Ray Deitrich (Father Brown)  
Lector: Allen H.  
EMHC: Carolyn M. & Yvonne M  
Sunday, September 28, 8:00 am  
+ Bertha Meier (Father Brown)  
Lector: Alan B  
EMHC: Alan B., Cindy G., & Janice F.



**Adoration**  
Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.

September 4, 11, & 18  
Adorers' Schedule for October 2  
6-7 Connie Goble/ Suzanne King  
7-8 Joe Coates/ Open

**NO Adoration on September 25**

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.

**Office hours**  
The office hours will be changing on October 6. These hours are to align with Father Eugene’s Schedule. The new hours will be Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 am - 2 pm.

El horario de oficina cambiará el 6 de octubre para coincidir con el del Padre Eugene. El nuevo horario será los martes, jueves y viernes de 8:00 a. m. a 2:00 p. m.

**RETIRO DE LA CONVOCATORIA DE SACERDOTES: 22-26 de septiembre de 2025**

Cada año, los sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Grand Rapids se reúnen para dedicar tiempo a la oración, la reflexión, el estudio y la fraternidad. La convocatoria anual de sacerdotes ofrece a estos la oportunidad de renovar su espíritu y su vocación, dar gracias a Dios por el don del sacerdocio y reavivar la vida fraternal con otros sacerdotes. Un obispo dijo una vez: «Un sacerdote está llamado a servir a Dios y a su pueblo, y a ayudar a su obispo gobernando, enseñando y santificando. En los tiempos modernos, puede parecer que se espera que un sacerdote sea capaz de administrar con un MBA, aconsejar con la espiritualidad de los santos, ofrecer el amor por los pobres de Santa Madre Teresa, mantener la energía constante de un sacerdote recién ordenado y resolver problemas con la sabiduría de un pastor experimentado».

Esta semana, aunque no hay misa regular, los invito a todos a rezar el rosario con la intención de que haya más vocaciones sacerdotales para la Diócesis de Grand Rapids, por el bienestar de los sacerdotes y por la renovación espiritual de la Iglesia Católica.

Los alumnos de la Escuela Católica San Pedro y San Pablo dirigirán una oración del rosario a las 8 de la mañana.

**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**  
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY  
The next meeting will be on **TUESDAY**, Oct. 7, at 1:00 pm in the library. All meetings will now be on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information, please call Marsha, 269-367-4403.

**Anointing Mass**  
There will be an anointing Mass on Thursday, October 9 at 4:00 pm in the hall, followed by a soup supper. Adoration is cancelled on that evening.

**Saint Edward’s Faith Formation 2025-2026**  
Classes will be on Sunday 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.


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

Starting September 24, OCIA will move from Inquiry to the Catechumenate. Anyone who needs to complete their initiation into the church is invited to attend. If you or someone you know hasn’t received First Communion or Confirmation, now is the time to complete your catechesis. We meet at 6:30 p.m. at 753th Ave. every Wednesday night. Call with questions: 616-374-8340

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

**Cor Men's Group**  
Our Cor Men's Group meets every second Saturday of the month in the Family Center Library at 9:00 AM. If you're looking to grow in faith and fellowship with your fellow Catholic men, please join us. Contact Andrew Coates for more details.

**Our Lady of the Rosery**  
October is the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. We will be saying the rosary 30 minutes before Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass. Volunteers are needed to lead the rosary. Please call the office to volunteer to lead the rosary. If you call outside of office hours, leave a message with your name and Mass time. Please join in his beautiful prayer to Our Blessed Mother.

**Donuts and Coffee**  
 In the Family Center after 8 am Sunday Mass.  
Ven al Centro Familiar después de la misa dominical de las 8 a. m.

<b><u>OUR PARISH OFFERING – Sept 13/14, 2025</u></b>	
Adults	\$ 2,325 .00
Loose:	\$ 323.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 2,648.00</b>
Budgeted Weekly:	\$ 4,000.00
<b>Overage/Shortage:</b>	<b>\$ ( 1,352.00)</b>

<b><u>July 1, 2025 – Sept 14, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections\</u></b>	
Year-to-Date:	\$ 55,014.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	40,000.00
<b>Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>\$ 15,014.00</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.*

**Next Finance Meeting-** October 28 at 6:30 pm


**Counter September 28- Greg Zuver & Doug Fox**



The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on.

**Tuesday, October 14**

**Family Perspective by Bud Ozar**  
Despite all our time saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time. To solve this, we created the Myth of Quality Time. Don’t be fooled: Quality Time is Quantity Time. Jesus counsels us today, we “cannot serve two masters” and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.



**Men of the Eucharist- Strengthened in Christ- Responding with Joy**

**Pray for Seminarian:  
Noah T. Abram**

**University of St. Thomas  
2115 Summit Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55105**

O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, lead our seminarians in Your unerring footsteps; so that they may become priests who are models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice. Teach them generosity and detachment from worldly good; but above all, teach them to know You and to love You, the One and Only Eternal Priest.  
**Amen**

**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)