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September 28, 2025

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8 AM-2 PM

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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

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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.

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time



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

29 Monday: Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51

30 Tuesday: Saint Jerome, Priest, Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87: 1b-7 Lk 9:51-56

01 Wednesday: Saint Thérèse of the Child of Jesus, Virgin, **Doctor of the Church**

Neh 2:1-8 Ps 137:1-6 Lk 9:57-62

02 Thursday: The Holy Guardian Angels Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 18:1-5, 10

03 Friday: Weekday

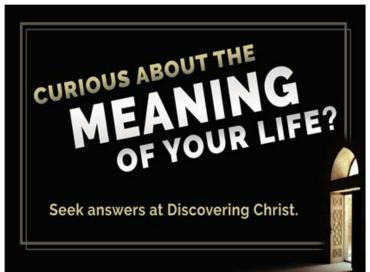
Bar 1:15-22 Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9 Lk 10:13-16

04 Saturday: Saint Francis of Assisi

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Ps 69:33-37 Lk 10:17-24

05 Sunday: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Hb 1:2-3: 2:2-4 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10

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DISCOVERING CHRIST SCHEDULE

Sunday Evenings, October 5—December 7, 2025 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Retreat Day, Sunday, November 16, 2025 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

SS. Peter & Paul Parish, 434 High St., Ionia (SSPP School Cafeteria)

WHAT IS DISCOVERING CHRIST?

Discovering Christ is a seven-week program helping individuals to encounter Jesus Christ through shared meals, prayer, video teachings, and small group discussions, focused on establishing or renewing a personal relationship with Christ and experiencing God's love.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Weekly Sessions:

Each session involves a complimentary dinner, communal prayer, an inspirational video teaching, and small group discussion to process the message and its relevance to personal life.

A Day Retreat:

An intensive day is dedicated to a deeper exploration of faith, including a focus on the Holy Spirit and living as a child of God. **Community and Fellowship:**

The program emphasizes building trust and connection through shared meals and consistent small group participation.

KEY OBJECTIVES

Personal Relationship:

The primary goal is to help participants to enter or renew a personal, life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ. Experiencing **God's Love:** Participants are invited to experience the love of God the Father and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

Understanding the Basics of Faith: The course provides a foundational understanding of the Gospel message, exploring who Christ is and his message of salvation.

Empowerment and Renewal:

Participants are equipped to live as God's children and empowered to share their renewed faith with others.

WHO IT IS FOR

Discovering Christ is open to everyone, including:

- •Those with little or no church experience
- Non-practicing Catholics
- Practicing Catholics
- Anyone seeking to understand the meaning of life and explore foundational Christian teachings

Complete a paper registration form located at the exits and submit it by dropping off or mailing to the SSPP Parish Office at 434 High St., Ionia, MI 48846. You can also email a scanned copy to: tmckay@ssppcatholic.com

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 28, 2025

Opportunity to venerate the relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Oct. 1-8

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica

2100 W. 12 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48073

In the 100th year of St. Thérèse's canonization, her relics will visit 11 states starting on her feast day, Oct. 1. The first stop is at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, where St. Thérèse is the patroness.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Sign up to venerate her relics or attend Mass at shrinechurch.com/relics

Mass for God's Children



Nov. 3 | 7 p.m.

Cathedral of Saint Andrew

The Diocese of Grand Rapids invites anyone who has experienced the loss of a child before baptism to this special Mass, including parents, grandparents, siblings, relatives and friends. A memorial rose with a naming card will be provided for families who have lost a child(ren). If you would like to reserve a memorial rose, scan the QR code or reach out to Lauren Vandervort at 616.288.0588 or lvandervort@grdiocese.org.

Misa por los Hijos de Dios

Lunes 3 de noviembre | 7 p.m.

catedral de san andrés

La Diócesis de Grand Rapids invita a los padres, familiares, y amigos que han experimentado la pérdida de un hijo a esta Misa especial. Se proporcionará una rosa conmemorativa y una tarjeta con el nombre del niño(s) para las familias que han perdido un hijo(s). Si gusta reservar una rosa y que su hijo(s) sea recordado en una tarjeta, favor de escanear el código qr. Para más información, favor de comunicarse con Rev. Fr. Cesar Cayetano, CR, al 616-333-1178 o carras@grdiocese.org.

Walking with Moms in Need training session

A mother in need may be closer than you realize- perhaps in your parish, your community, or your home. Every parish should know where to turn when a mom needs help. Inspired by St. John Paul II's call to build a culture of life, Walking with Moms in Need works to increase our outreach to pregnant and parenting women facing difficulties.

Join us to learn how you can start a Walking with Moms in Need initiative in your parish! On Thursday, Nov. 20, Catholic Charities West Michigan will be hosting a training for the WWMIN initiative at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish from 1-4 p.m.

The training covers the five phases of developing the WWMIN resource to serve moms through your parish, including learning how to build a core outreach team.

The need for support is growing. Not involved in WWMIN yet? RSVP for the training or direct any questions to Sally Cranson at scranson@ccwestmi.org by November 13.

Help spread Christmas joy through the Prison and Jail Ministry Christmas Drive

Sept. 7 – Dec. 7

Wedding Anniversary Mass – Together with your families, the Diocese of Grand Rapids honors the faithful witness to your vocation of marriage and wishes to celebrate with you. Bishop Walkowiak is inviting all couples celebrating milestone anniversaries to join him on Sunday, Oct. 5 at the 10 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew (301 Sheldon Blvd., Grand Rapids) for this annual celebration. A simple reception will immediately follow. Please RSVP by scanning the QR code or calling Lauren Vandervort at 616-246-0588.

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Misa de Aniversario de Bodas — Unidos a sus familiares, la Diócesis de Grand Rapids honra el fiel testimonio de su vocación matrimonial y desea celebrarlo con ustedes. El Obispo Walkowiak está invitando a todas las parejas que están celebrando aniversarios de bodas (25, 30, 40, etc.) a que se unan con él a celebrar, el Domingo, 5 de octubre a las 10 a.m. para una Misa en la Catedral de San Andrés (301 Sheldon Blvd., Grand Rapids). Una pequeña recepción se llevará acabo inmediatamente después de la Misa en el Centro Pastoral Diocesano. Favor de confirmar su asistencia escaneando el código QR o llamando a Rev. Fr. Cesar Cayetano, CR, al 616-333-1178.

DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

September 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

For Vietnamese Catholics, this year is not only the Jubilee Year of Hope, but a solemn remembrance of the 50th anniversary of the Fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975. Hundreds of thousands of refugees would flee Vietnam following this event in search of hope and freedom. In this moment, our local Church heeded the call to be "signs of hope...for migrants who leave their homelands behind in search of a better life for themselves and for their families" (Spes non confundit, 13).

There are now about 300 Vietnamese Catholic Communities, of which there are 70 personal parishes across the United States. The Diocese of Grand Rapids is blessed to have one personal parish, Our Lady of La-Vang in Wyoming. Additionally, many Vietnamese Catholics are part of other parishes within our diocese.

Through their witness, Marian devotion, and cultural traditions, our Vietnamese Catholics evangelize and enhance the spiritual lives of all whom they encounter. In a special way, I invite the Vietnamese Catholic community to join me for a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of St. Andrew on September 28. Beginning at 2 p.m., there will be an opportunity for confession, the recitation of the rosary, and prelude music in Vietnamese. Holy Mass will begin at 3 p.m., with a reception to follow at Cathedral Square Center.

May your faith and witness inspire us to be a sign of hope to our migrant brothers and sisters who, like you, leave their homeland behind in search of a better life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak Bishop of Grand Rapids

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, September 28, 8:00 am

+ Bertha Meier (Fr. Brown)

Tuesday, September 30, 12:10 pm

Evan Goble (Connie Goble)

Friday, October 3, 9:00 am

Manuel Rodriguez (Grief Support Group)

Saturday, October 4, 8:00 am (First Saturday)

+Bertha Meier (Father Brown)

Saturday, October 4, 6:00 pm

+Haarold Walliczek

Lector: Allen H.

EMHC: Carolyn M. & Yvonne M

Sunday, October 5, 8:00 am

Manuel Rodríguez (Marsha Stadel)

Lector: Alan B

EMHC: Alan B., Cindy G., & Janice F.

Adoration

Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.



September 4, 11, & 18

<u>Adorers' Schedule for October 2</u>
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.

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Baptism

Congratulation to Cathleen Breier on receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on September 20.

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.

Cor Men's Group

Our Cor Men's Group meets every **first** Saturday of the month in the Family Center Library at 9:00 am. The next meeting will be on **October 4.** 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. The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 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

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



Pray for Seminarian: Clayton A. Brown

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)

September 28, 2025

 OUR PARISH OFFERING – Sept 20/21, 2025

 Adults
 \$ 2,920.00

 Loose:
 \$ 282.00

 Total receipts:
 \$ 3,202.00

 Budgeted Weekly:
 \$ 4,000.00

 Overage/Shortage:
 \$ (798.00)

July 1, 2025 - Sept 14, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

 Year-to-Date:
 \$ 58,216.00

 Budgeted Year-to-Date:
 44,000.00

 Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:
 \$ 14,216.00

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.

Next Finance Meeting- October 28 at 6:30 pm

Counter October 5- Cindy Gillette and Joe Hickey

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on.



Tuesday, October 14

Family of the Month

The Mike & Julie Smith Family is the Family of the Month. You will often see Mike & Julie at Saturday mass. The couple celebrated twenty-five years of marriage this summer. Mike & Julie both worked in Lake Odessa when they met. Julie still works for Cargill. Mike, now retired, worked at EBI with Julie's brother, who introduced them

Both Mike and Julie were baptized at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Portland. Mike fell away from the church, but returned after he married Julie. Mike gives testimony to a desire for faith during his time away from the church. Rejoining the church following communal penance made him feel whole again. Julie gives testimony to the strength their Catholic faith has provided to their family during hard times.

Mike is retired, but stays busy faithfully serving his neighbors. Mike supports families in need, mentoring youth and completing work that others are not physically able to do, or do not know how to do. Sometimes Mike exchanges services with a nearby farmer to get his vehicles maintained.

The couple take pride in their three children, two of which are adopted, and several grandchildren. They also take joy in seeing the pews at Saint Edwards filled with young families. Take some time to congratulate Mike and Julie after Saturday mass over coffee and cookies.

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel the rich man died and was condemned to "a place of torment" because he ignored the poor. He asked Lazarus to go and warn his five brothers to change their ways. Evidently ignoring the poor was a family pattern. Is your family sensitive to the poor?