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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 07, 2025
Saint Edward Church
531 Jordan Lake St.
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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
Saturday	8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
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.



- 07 Sunday: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Wis 9:13-18b Ps 90:3-6, 12-17 Phlm 9-10, 12-17
Lk 14:25-33
- 08 Monday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a Ps 13:6abc Mt 1:1-16
- 09 Tuesday:** Saint Peter Caver, Priest
Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11 Lk 6:12-19
- 10 Wednesday:** Weekday
Col 3:1-11 Ps 145:2-3, 10-13b Lk 6:20-26
- 11 Thursday: Weekday**
Col 3:12-17 Ps 150:1b-6 Lk 6:27-38
- 12 Friday: Weekday: The Most Holy Name of Mary**
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11 Lk 6:39-42
- 13 Saturday: Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**
1 Tm 1:15-17 Ps 113:1b-7 Lk 6:43-49
- 14 Sunday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
Num 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1b-2, 34-8 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

SAINT EDWARD PARISH COMMUNITY – Save the Dates---

An incredible opportunity awaits you! Enrich your faith in God by engaging in the study and reflection of Scripture, exploring the Spiritual Writings of the Saints, and delving into various aspects of Catholic Theology. Embrace this chance to grow spiritually and strengthen your relationship with God.

Family Night: a special evening dedicated to prayer, play, and learning together. This gathering will feature uplifting family-friendly movies, engaging games, delicious food, and heartfelt discussions about family, faith, Church, and God that will strengthen bonds and inspire transformation for every member of the family!

September 14: St Edward Parish Picnic (3 PM)

October 12: Family Fun Night (5-7 PM)

November 9: Family Cooking Night (5-7 PM)

December 14: Christmas Ornament Making (5-7 PM)

Youth Group: Join us for fun activities that will not only entertain you but also strengthen your faith in God. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to connect with others and grow spiritually!

September 14: St Edward Parish Picnic (3 PM)

September 16: Pizza Night (6 PM)

October 5: Movie Night (5 PM)

Friday Breakfast and Theology: Experience the joy of gathering for breakfast after morning mass, where we can reflect and share, deepening our connection with God.

September 12: On the Value of Spiritual Enrichment

September 14: St Edward Parish Picnic (3 PM)

October 10: The Power of the 3 Hail Mary Devotion

November 14: On Gratitude

Young Adults: Deepen your faith as a Catholic young adult, age 21-35. Join us for engaging social gatherings where you can connect with peers while reflecting on and enriching your Catholic beliefs.

September 14: St Edward Parish Picnic (3 PM)

September 20: After Mass Happy Hour-Pizza Night (7:45 PM)

October: Theology on Tap (7:45 PM) (Date TBD)

November 15: Game Night (7:45 PM)

Pickleball Enthusiast: Father Eugene loves to play pickleball from time to time! If you’d like to join him for a game, feel free to send him a note. He’s usually free on Mondays, which is his day off. He’d be thrilled to have some company!

All Events are subject to change.

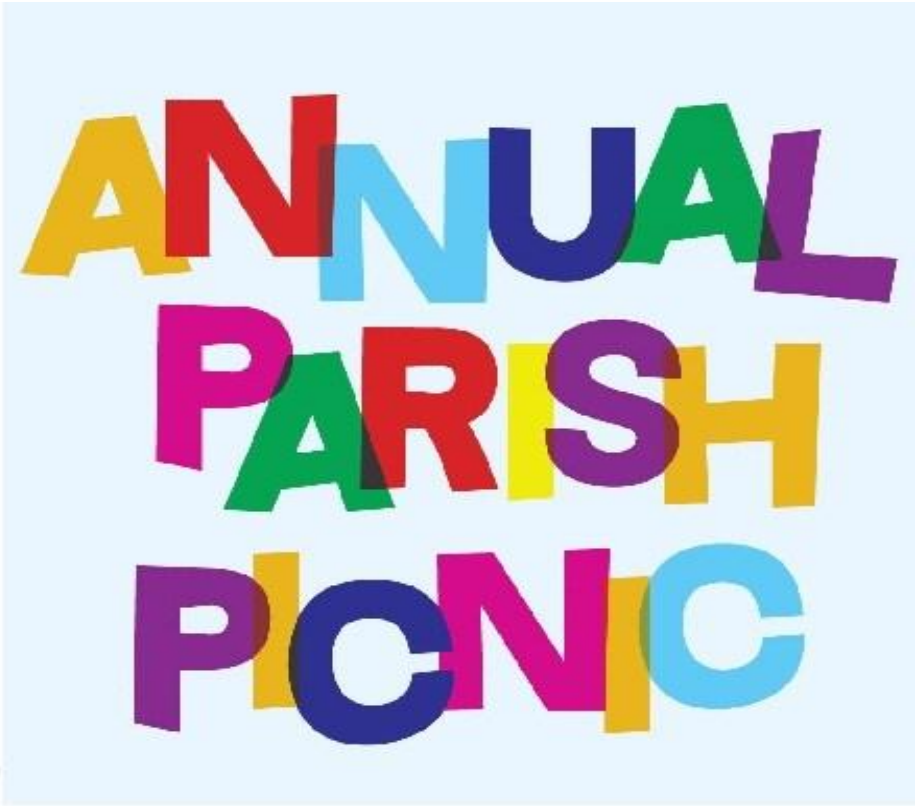
Saint Peter & Paul parish is hosting the Christ Life program

Are you ready to deepen your relationship with God? We're excited to invite you to an amazing opportunity starting this October! Our parish team on evangelization is hosting the Christ Life program, designed to help you profoundly encounter the Living God.

Through captivating studies of Scripture, reflective discussions, and meaningful sharing, you will discover the beauty of Christ in the Sacraments and the teachings of the Church. You'll be inspired to follow Christ in your daily life and empowered to share your faith boldly with others.

Don't miss this opportunity to grow spiritually and connect with a community that values faith and fellowship. Join us and embark on this transformative journey to discover, follow, and share God's love!

Contact Toni McKay for more details at 616-527-3610 ext. 13
or tmckay@ssppcatholic.com



September 14
3pm
Family Center
All are Welcome

**The Sacraments:
Making Visible what is Invisible**

The seven sacraments, these divine mysteries, touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian life. They are not mere rituals, but Sacraments give birth and growth, healing and mission to the Christian’s life of faith. Through the Sacraments, Jesus gathers us (Baptism), feeds us (Eucharist), forgives us (Reconciliation), sends us (Confirmation), heals us (Anointing of the Sick), joins us (Marriage), and appoints us (Holy Orders).

The late Pope Francis emphasized the profound significance of the Sacraments, describing them as the very presence of Jesus Christ within us. This profound spiritual reality is embodied within the Church, which he established. The USCCB further elaborates on this, highlighting that through the Sacraments, God graciously imparts his holiness to us, empowering us to contribute to the sanctification of the world. In essence, the Sacraments not only signify but also call us to actively embrace our individual vocations, enabling us to serve and uplift our fellow human beings.

I invite you all to recognize the presence of God in the Sacraments. They make visible for us what the eyes cannot see. They make tangible for us the living power of God’s grace. If you are in need of any of the Sacraments, please call our office. Reach out to our Faith Formation coordinators so that you may have the fullness of the Catholic Faith found in receiving the Sacraments.

Los Sacramentos: Haciendo visible lo que es invisible

Los siete sacramentos, estos misterios divinos, tocan todas las etapas y todos los momentos importantes de la vida cristiana. (diapositiva 2). No son meros rituales, sino que los sacramentos dan a luz y crecimiento, curación y misión a la vida de fe del cristiano. A través de los Sacramentos, Jesús nos reúne (Bautismo), nos alimenta (Eucaristía), nos perdona (Reconciliación), nos envía (Confirmación), nos sana (Unción de los Enfermos), se une a nosotros (Matrimonio) y nos nombra (Órdenes Sagradas).

El difunto Papa Francisco enfatizó la profunda importancia de los Sacramentos, describiéndolos como la presencia misma de Jesucristo dentro de nosotros. Esta profunda realidad espiritual está encarnada dentro de la Iglesia, que él estableció. La USCCB profundiza en esto, destacando que a través de los Sacramentos, Dios nos imparte amablemente su santidad, empoderándonos para contribuir a la santificación del mundo. En esencia, los Sacramentos no solo significan, sino que también nos llaman a abrazar activamente nuestras vocaciones individuales, permitiéndonos servir y elevar a nuestros semejantes.

Los invito a todos a reconocer la presencia de Dios en los Sacramentos. Hacen visible para nosotros lo que los ojos no pueden ver. Hacen tangible para nosotros el poder vivo de la gracia de Dios. Si necesita alguno de los Sacramentos, llame a nuestra oficina. Comuníquese con nuestros coordinadores de Formación de Fe para que pueda tener la plenitud de la Fe Católica que se encuentra en la recepción de los Sacramentos.

Fr. Eugene

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, September 07, 8:00 am

+ Virginia Vipond (Norbert Walliczek

Tuesday, September 09, 12:10 pm

Saint Edward Parish

Friday, September 12, 9:00 am

+ Vernon Brown (Fr. Brown)

Saturday, September 13, 8:00 am (Weekday Mass)

+Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family

(Bert Walliczek)

Saturday, September 13, 6:00 pm

+ Bernadine & Gene Carr (Patricia Hoisington)

Lector: Kathy S,

EMHC: Carolyn M. & Yvonne M

Sunday, September 14, 8:00 am

Saint Edward Parish

Lector: Alan B.

EMHC: Alan B., Cindy G. & Vol.



Adoration

Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.

September 4, 11, 18, & 25

Adorers' Schedule for September 11

6-7 Frank & Sherri Agostinelli

7-8 Darren & Jamie Schafer

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

St. Edward’s is having altar server training on **September 21**. This training is open to all who want to become altar servers and all 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

by Bud Ozar

Family life well lived confirms the words of Jesus in today’s gospel, “Those who humble themselves will be exalted.” Commitment, intimacy, loyalty, and love are the rewards of humble service and care for one another.

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 October 2 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 start 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 First Communion prep classes start on **September 7** at 9:15 a.m. in the Family Center. If you have a child who is entering the 2nd grade or has not yet received First Communion, call the DRE office (616374-7253 x4) to enroll in the class.

First Communion parents, mark your calendar now for the First Communion parent meeting on Sept. 14th in the Family Center.

St. Edward’s Preschool -2025-26

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 September 10 & 17

Catechumenate Segment September 24

October 1, 8, 15, & 29

All sessions are on Wednesday evenings from 6:30–8:00 p.m., 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

Appeal for Donations

Our migrant farmers work diligently to ensure that the fields yield good crops and bountiful harvests. We invite everyone to consider donating travel-size toiletries, such as shampoo, soap, and toothbrushes, 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.

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Aug 30/31, 2025

Adults \$ 2,935 .00

Loose: \$ 427.00

Total receipts: \$ 3,362.00

Budgeted Weekly: \$ 4,000.00

Overage/Shortage: \$ (638.00)

July 1, 2025 – Aug 31, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date: \$ 47,353.00

Budgeted Year-to-Date: 32,000.00

Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date: \$ 15,353.00

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 September 14- Betsy Weiland & Bill Sutton

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on.



Tuesday, September 9

The Family of the Month

The Dave & Kris Galaviz family has been selected for Family of the Month. Dave was baptized at Saint Edwards. Kris grew up on the East side of the state and was baptized in Ann Arbor.

The couple met at Scott Foreman’s open house, whose parents happened to be Kris’ godfather and godmother. Dave and Kriss were married on August 22nd, 1980, in Ann Arbor. They raised two children in the church, Andrea and Carlos. They have four grandchildren: Jude, Nora, Eli, and Mila.

The Galaviz believe in the value of offering their time, talent, and treasure to the church. The couple has lived in many different communities, some out of the state. Dave & Kriss have appreciated how faith provided them with immediate connections to their community, even though they have observed a variety of parish dynamics. Dave gained an interest in the Knights of Columbus when they provided coffee and donuts after mass in Decatur, AL. Now Dave is a Knight, and he partners with Kriss to provide coffee and donuts after our Sunday Masses.

Take some time to congratulate the Galaviz family for their recognition as Family of the Month.

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.