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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



November 23, 2025

Saint Edward Church
531 Jordan Lake St.
Lake Odessa, MI 48849

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OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
8 AM-2 PM
Closed on Monday & Wednesday

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:

Tuesday	9:30 AM-12:00 PM
Thursday	6:00 PM-8:00 PM With Adoration

First Friday After 9 AM Mass
or by appointment

23 Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
2 Sm 5:1-3 Ps 122:1-5 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43

24 Monday: Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Lk 21:1-4

25 Tuesday: Weekday: Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin
Dn 2:31-45 (Ps) Dn 3:57-61 Lk 21:5-11

26 Wednesday: Weekday
Dn 5:1-6,13-14, 16-17, 23-28 (Ps) Dn 3:62-67 Lk 21:12-19

27 Thursday: Weekday (Thanksgiving Day)
Sir 50:22-24 Ps 138:1-5 1Cor 1:3-9 Lk 17:11-19

28 Friday: Weekday
Dn 7:2-14 (Ps) Dn 3:75-81 Lk 21:29-33

29 Saturday: Weekday
Dn 7:15-17 (Ps) Dn 3:82-87 Lk 21:34-36

30 Sunday: First Sunday Of Advent
Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44

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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.

Wednesday December 31 5:00 p.m. Mass
Thursday January 1 10:00 a.m. Mass

Christ the King!

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* (“In the first”) to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to “thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law” out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. His sovereignty transcends the limitations of our mortal existence, and His reign embodies a power that surpasses all earthly kingdoms. In celebrating Christ, we acknowledge a rule defined not merely by authority, but also by love, grace, and eternal life—qualities that ensure His legacy will endure forever, far beyond the fleeting nature of human monarchs.

As a King, he has demonstrated to us great humility. Though He was in the form of God, He did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at. He emptied himself and took the form of a Slave. If Jesus Christ then who is King, Lord and God, took the form of a slave, then we do not have any ground to act so mighty and grand in His presence. We are not God. We are not royalty by any worldly means but only by the grace of Baptism who because of Christ’s offering, we have become an adopted sons and daughters of the King.

¡Cristo Rey!

El Papa Pío XI instituyó esta fiesta en 1925 con su encíclica Quas primas (“En el primero”) para responder al creciente secularismo y ateísmo. Reconoció que intentar “excluir a Jesucristo y su santa ley” de la vida pública resultaría en una continua discordia entre los pueblos y las naciones. Esta solemnidad nos recuerda que, si bien los gobiernos van y vienen, Cristo reina como Rey para siempre. Su soberanía trasciende las limitaciones de nuestra existencia mortal, y su reinado encarna un poder que supera a todos los reinos terrenales. Al celebrar a Cristo, reconocemos un gobierno definido no solo por la autoridad, sino también por el amor, la gracia y la vida eterna: cualidades que aseguran que su legado perdurará para siempre, mucho más allá de la naturaleza efímera de los monarcas humanos.

Como Rey, nos ha demostrado una gran humildad. Aunque tenía la forma de Dios, no consideró la igualdad con Dios como algo a lo que aferrarse. Se humilló a sí mismo y tomó la forma de un siervo. Si Jesucristo, quien es Rey, Señor y Dios, tomó forma de siervo, entonces no tenemos derecho a actuar con tanta arrogancia en su presencia. No somos Dios. No somos de la realeza por ningún medio mundano, sino solo por la gracia del bautismo, que, gracias al sacrificio de Cristo, nos ha convertido en hijos adoptivos del Rey.

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, November 23, 8:00 am

+ Pamela Pontius (Grief Support Group)

Tuesday, November 25, 12:10 pm

+Hertha Walliczek (Norbert Walliczek)

Thursday, November 27, 9:00 am

Saint Edward Parish

Friday, November 28, 9:00 am

Sherry Agostinelli (Geroge & Carole Heinze)

Saturday, November 29, 6:00 pm

+ Manuel Rodriquez (Norbert Walliczek)

Lector: Pat Saint Amour

EMHC: Bill & Mary Sutton

Sunday, November 30, 8:00 am

+ Carlos Galaviz (Dave & Kris Galaviz)

Lector: Anne Adam

EMHC: Janice Fyan, Cindy Gillette & Mary Hamp



Adoration



Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church
Every First Friday 9:30 am – 12 PM

December 4, 11, &18

Adorers December 4

Connie Goble/ Suzanne King (6-7)

Joe Coates / Open (7-8)

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



In the Family Center after 8 am Sunday Mass.

Ven al Centro Familiar después de la misa dominical de las 8 am.

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 December 6. If you're looking to grow in faith and fellowship with your fellow Catholic men, please join us. Contact Andrew Coates for more details.

Family Fun Night- December 14

Decembers Family Fun Night will have all making their own Christmas Ornaments. This activity will be from 5- 7 pm in the Family Center.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

November 23

Today’s gospel reminds us the Kingdom of Heaven is not like Disney’s Magic Kingdom. Admission to Christ’s Kingdom is paid with the currency of acceptance, forgiveness, attention to the poor and love of one’s enemy.

November 27

Because the Kingdom of God already began Jesus could promise the thief at Calvary “today you will be with me in Paradise.” We only need to look at the love and forgiveness in families to see signs of this Kingdom unfolding in your life. This Thanksgiving give thanks for the signs of the Kingdom in your family.

Please Pray for:

Eric Clark, Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong,

Jake Jacobson, Marlene Harkin Family,

Julie Sutton VanLiew, Angie Raymond,

& 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 Tuesday, December 2, 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.

Remembering All Souls

November is the month when we remember and pray for the souls of our loved ones who have died. You are welcome to place a picture of your loved ones around the altar. You may also write their names in the book of the dead.

The Memory Tree

The Memory Tree is in the back of the Church. The balls on it have names on them of our deceased loved ones. If you would like to have one for your deceased loved one, please write their name on the pad next to the tree, and one will be made for you. Names from past years are already on the tree.

Saint Edward’s Faith Formation 2025-2026

Classes will be on Sundays 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 November 26 December

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.

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



Pray for Seminarian:

Logan M. McGahan

Mundelein Seminary

1000 E. Maple Ave.

Mundelein, IL. 60060

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

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Nov 15/16, 2025

Adults \$ 4,220.00

Loose: \$ 366.00

Total receipts: \$ 4,586.00

Budgeted Weekly \$ 4,000.00

Overage \$ 586.00

July 1, 2025 – Nov 16, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date \$ 88,359.00

Budgeted Year-to-Date: \$ 76,000.00

Overage Year-to-Date: \$ 12,359.00

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-

Counter December 30- Pat Drake & Joe Hickey

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on.



Tuesday, December 9

Attention all 9th through 12th grade students.

The Knights of Columbus annual essay contest is here! This year’s topic is:

The office of the papacy was established by Jesus Christ nearly 2,000 years ago when He chose St. Peter to lead His Church on earth.

In an essay of 500-750 words, out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?"

This year’s winner will receive \$150!! Entry forms can be picked up in the back of church starting Saturday October 25th. All submissions can be dropped off in a special box in the back of church or emailed to buckize1000@gmail.com. The deadline for each entry is Sunday November 23rd. Any questions you may contact Worthy Knight Doug Fox at 419-705-4361 or the email listed above!

Exploring Priesthood Discernment Meetings

Discernment is a time of obtaining spiritual guidance and understanding. If you are considering the priesthood, the Diocese of Grand Rapids invites you to meet with other young men (ages 16+) to gather and discern God’s will for your life.

Meetings will take place from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at St. Luke University Parish, 10144 42nd Ave., Georgetown Twp. and are offered on the **following Sundays in 2025/2026: Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 22, Apr. 19, May 17**

Just show up or email Pattie Reynolds, preynolds@grdiocese.org, to RSVP or with questions.

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)