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# **December 14, 2025**

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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:

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

# **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

11:00 AM-12:00 PM Tuesday Thursday 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

With Adoration

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.



14 Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146: 6-10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

15 Monday: Advent Weekday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9 Mt 21:23-27

**16 Tuesday:** Advent Weekday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23 Mt 21:28-32

17 Wednesday: Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-4b, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17

**18 Thursday**: Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25

19 Friday: Advent Weekday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25

**20 Saturday:** Advent Weekday Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38

21 Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025



December 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

In these final days of Advent, the season of hope, we reflect on how the Jubilee Year has reminded us that "Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love" (Spes non confundit, 3).

In coming as a lowly infant, we are reminded of God's desire to be close to us, and "as a result, we live our lives in expectation of his return and in the hope of living forever in him. In this spirit, we make our own the heartfelt prayer of the first Christians with which sacred Scripture ends: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'" (Rev 22:20; Spes non confundit, 19).

I invite you to join me as we close the Jubilee Year in our local Church. The Closing Mass will take place on December 28 at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. Priests will be available for confession beginning at 2 p.m. Mass begins at 3 p.m., with a reception in the Catholic Central gymnasium to follow.

I pray that this past year has been a journey of hope, mercy and renewal for you. May the good works begun in our parishes, schools and communities continue to bear much fruit beyond this Jubilee Year.

Together, let us give thanks for the graces of this holy year and embrace the Advent promise that Christ comes to dwell among us. May this sacred season deepen our hope and ready our hearts to welcome the Lord who always draws near.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+DWalkoniak Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak Bishop of Grand Rapids

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, December 14, 8:00 am

+Christine Bouthiette (Grief Support Group)

#### Tuesday, December 16, 12:10 pm

+ Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family

#### Friday, December 19, 9:00 am

+ Manuel Rodriguez (Norbert Walliczek)

#### Saturday, December 20, 6:00 pm

Members of the Cusack Family (Mary Endres)

EMHC: Yvonne M., & Carlyn M. Lector: Greg H.

#### Sunday, December 21, 8:00 am

+ Earl Nelson (Grief Support Group)

Lector: Anne A. EMHC: Mary H., Cindy G., & Mike R.

#### Adoration



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

December 4, 11, & 18

Adorers December 18

Frank & Sherri Agostinelli (6-7)

Darren & Jamie Schager (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.

#### 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 January 3. If you're looking to grow in faith and fellowship with your fellow Catholic men, please join us. Contact Andrew Coates for more details.

# Men of the Eucharist-Strengthened in Christ-Responding with Jov



Pray for Seminarian: Luke P. Norton 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.

Mass booklets, to follow along with the Holy Mass, have been donated to the parish and are located at the entrances to the church. There are books for both Adults and children. Please return books to location from which you picked them up from before you leave. Thank you.

#### No, Coffee and Donuts this Sunday, December 14.

Coffee and Donuts will resume on Sunday, December 21.

Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025

# Special Mass Schedule through January 1, 2026

#### Saint Edward Church

#### Saints Peter & Paul Church

#### **Christmas Holy Day**

Wednesday, December 24 7:30 p.m. Mass Thursday, December 25 10:00 a.m. Mass

# Mary, Mother of God Holy Day

Wednesday, December 31 7:00 p.m. Mass Thursday, January 1 10:00 a.m. Mass

# Thursday, December 25

**Christmas Holy Day** 

Wednesday, December 24 4:00 p.m., & 10:00 p.m.(bilingual) 10:00 a.m. Mass

#### Mary, Mother of God Holy Day

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

#### 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, January 6, 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.

# 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: December 14** January 4, 11 & 25

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 December 17 & 31**

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

We meet at 6:30 p.m. at 753th Ave., every Wednesday night. Call with questions: 616-374-8340.

# **Family Fun**

Join Father Eugene for a wonderful family fun day this Sunday. December 14, at 3 PM in the Parish Basement! We'll kick things off with a joyful ornament-decorating activity, and afterwards we'll cozy up for a surprise movie. Don't forget to bring your blankets and comfy chairs! We'll have a delicious assortment of Oreos, popcorn, and hot chocolate waiting for everyone. Come and join in the festive fun!

# OUR PARISH OFFERING - Dec 6/7, 2025 Adults 4,479.00

Loose: 399.00 **Total receipts:** 4,878.00 **Budgeted Weekly** 4,000.00 Overage 878.00

# July 1, 2025 – Dec 7, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date \$ 99,255.00 Budgeted Year-to-Date: \$ 88,000.00 \$ 11,255.00 **Overage Year-to-Date:** 

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.

# Counters December 21: Janice Fyan & Bill Sutton



The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on.

Tuesday, January 13

# **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 42<sup>nd</sup> 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.

# 2026 Contribution Envelopes-

Contribution envelopes will be mailed to your home address every 3 months. The first set of envelopes is expected to be delivered around December 24. Please contact the office to update your parish records if you are new, moved recently, or have any changes to your information. Thank you.

# **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.