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**December 21, 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:

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 

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

With Adoration

First Friday After 9 AM Mass

**Secretary**: Katherine Martin 616-374-7253

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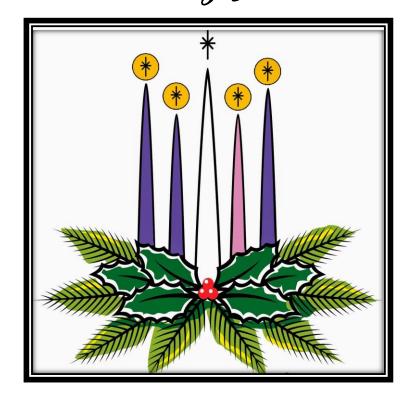
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and Fredia Wernette

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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.



21 Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

**22 Monday:** Advent Weekday

1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1-4-8d Lk 1:46-56

23 Tuesday: Advent Weekday: Saint John Kanty, Priest Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14 Lk 1:57-66

24 Wednesday: Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Mt 1:1-25

25 Thursday: The Nativity of the Lord Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1-:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

**26 Friday:** Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17 Mt 10:17-22

**27 Saturday:** Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

28 Sunday: The Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 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,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak Bishop of Grand Rapids

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

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

+Earl Nelson (Grief Support Group)

# Tuesday, December 23, 12:10 pm

+ Sylvia Welke (Judy Lyson)

Wednesday, December 24, 7:30 pm

Saint Edward Parish

Thursday, December 25, 10:00 am

Saint Edward Parish



# Friday, December 26, 9:00 am

+ Merlene Harkey (Randy & Melissa Reigler)

# Saturday, December 27, 6:00 pm

- Manuel Rodríguez (Randy & Melissa Reigler)

Lector: Kathy S. EMHC: Bill S. & Mary S.

# Sunday, December 28, 8:00 am

+ Betty Rodriguez (Randy & Melissa Reigler)

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

The office will be **closed** on December 25 & 26 and January 1 & 2.

There will be no Adoration or Confession on December 25, January 1 and January 8. Adoration and Confession will resume January 15.

#### Adoration



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

January 15

# Adorers January 15

Cindy & Mary Gillette/ Mary Endres (6-7) Anfrew 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.

#### 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.

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.

#### 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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 2025

# Special Mass Schedule through January 1, 2026

#### Saint Edward Church

Mary, Mother of God Holy Day

**Christmas Holy Day** 

Wednesday, December 24

Wednesday, December 31

Thursday, January 1

Thursday, December 25

#### Saints Peter & Paul Church

# **Christmas Holy Day**

7:30 p.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 24 4:00 p.m., & 10:00 p.m.(bilingual) Thursday, December 25 10:00 a.m. Mass

# Mary, Mother of God Holy Day

Wednesday, December 31 5:00 p.m. Mass 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.

# Saint Edward's Faith Formation 2025-2026 **Classes: 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.

# Saint Edward Preschool

Preschool is in need of artificial Christmas trees and lights as may of our trees are in very poor condition. Please consider donation any unwanted lights or artificial trees that are in good condition to the preschool.

Thank you for your support.

Fredia

#### OCIA schedule Catechumenate Segment December 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 catechesis. We meet at 6:30 p.m. at 753th Ave., every Wednesday Call with night. questions: 616-374-8340.

# **Televised Sunday Mass:**

Join us each week for the live broadcast at 10 a.m. Sunday Mass from the Cathedral of Saint Andrew.

The Prelude of Carols followed by Midnight Mass will be broadcast live from the Cathedral of Saint Andrew on FOX 17 and on the diocesan website, grdiocese.org, and YouTube (Diocese of Grand Rapids) on Christmas Eve. The concert begins at 11 p.m. followed by Mass at midnight.

On Christmas morning, there will be a replay of Mass on FOX 17 at 7 a.m.

#### OUR PARISH OFFERING - Dec 13/14, 2025 4,670.00 Adults Loose: 440.00 5,110.00 **Total receipts: Budgeted Weekly** 4,000.00 Overage 1.110.00

# July 1, 2025 - Dec 14, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date \$ 104,365.00 Budgeted Year-to-Date: \$ 92,000.00 \$ 12,365.00 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 28: Betsy Weiland & Joe Hickey



Tuesday, January 13

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on:

### **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.

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



Pray for Seminarian: Hunter D. Ostapowicz 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.