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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



January 18, 2026

Saint Edward Church
531 Jordan Lake St.
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OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
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

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

18 Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

19 Monday: Weekday

1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23 Mk 2:18-22

20 Tuesday: Weekday; Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr

1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28

21 Wednesday: Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1b-2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6

22 Thursday: Weekday

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-13 Mk 3:7-12

23 Friday: Weekday: Saint Vicent, Deacon, Martyr

1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11 Mk 3:13-19

24 Saturday: Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21

25 Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23—9:3 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23

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.

Knights of Columbus Family of the Month-**November**

The Greg and Carrie Haskin Family has been recognized as Family of the Month. Greg is a long-time parishioner of Saint Edwards. He grew up attending mass in our parish where he received all of the sacraments of initiation. Carrie also received the sacraments of initiation in our parish as an adult.

Carrie grew up in Greenville. The couple met on a dating website in 2007 and arranged their first date at Olivera's in Ionia. Carrie was so excited to meet Greg that she arrived early. The March Madness atmosphere Olivera's was so maddening that she almost left. Luckily, Greg showed up on time and convinced her to stay to watch the Spartans win.

They were wed in 2009 by Father Victor at Saint Edwards. The couple live outside Woodland with their two charming and enormous dogs. Greg and Carrie often attend Saturday mass and have supported the parish ministry as Extraordinary Ministers, cantoring, greeting and serving on parish councils.

The couple is grateful to have participated in the Order of Christian Initiation. Even though Greg has identified with Catholicism his entire life, he recognized an increase in his faith when he attended the program with Carrie. The presentation of church teaching and perspectives of the OCIA instructors helped Carrie to connect the dots in her life to God's presence. Thank you to the Haskin family for your testimony of faith. You can meet them or congratulate them during the Knights of Columbus Euchre tournament.

December

The December Family of the Month is the Alan and Tara Brodbeck family. The Brodbecks have been visible in the community for many years and entered into full communion with the church in 2020. The family may have joined the parish recently, but Alan, Tara and their daughter, Marjorie, are active in many parish ministries. Tara teaches faith formation. Alan also lectors, serves as an extraordinary minister and facilitates OCIA sessions. Marjorie is an altar server and enjoys volunteering for grounds clean-up twice a year. Alan's god daughter, Penelope, attends mass but doesn't participate in ministry, yet. Alan looks forward to guiding her towards realizing God's work in the years to come.

When Tara and Alan met, Alan was good friends with Tara's brother. The couple started dating in their college years and were wed in South Haven in 2004. Tara and Alan received the sacrament of confirmation during COVID and Marjorie just received the same last year. Penelope will receive her First Communion in 2034.

Alan's family has valued community involvement ever since he can remember. You may notice the family's involvement with Woodland Homecoming and the Community Christmas baskets. The Brodbecks appreciate the opportunities parish ministry provides them to connect with the community-at-large. Penelope enjoys going to mass on Sunday's at 8:00. Alan, Tara and Marjorie all enjoy the Knights of Columbus programming, especially the winter euchre tournaments, which give Alan an opportunity to show off his handy collection of gadget belt buckles.

Thank you to the Brodbeck family for your works bringing about the Kingdom. You can meet and congratulate the Brodbecks after mass over coffee and donuts. If you are unsure what they look like, keep an eye out for Alan's suit and liturgically themed tie.

Annual Mass for Life

Thursday, Jan. 22 | 7 p.m. | Cathedral of Saint Andrew

All are invited to join Bishop Walkowiak to pray for the legal protection of unborn children. A reception will follow in the Cathedral's parish center. Catholics also are encouraged to pray for an end to abortion during the Nine Days for Life novena beginning Friday, Jan. 16. Find the daily intentions in English and Spanish at 9daysforlife.com. For resources to support moms and families, visit GRdiocese.org/walking-with-moms.

"Faith and Fostering"- Help us fill the urgent need for foster families

Join us after the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Jude Parish on Sunday, Jan. 18 to learn about the urgent need for foster families and how your family can provide temporary or long-term support to a child in need. A foster care panel and time for questions will be included. Lunch will be provided and children are welcome. Please RSVP to Amy Pereira by Jan. 16th at apereira@ccwestmi.org

Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) is launching in Grand Rapids!

YCP brings together young adults in their 20s and 30s to grow in **faith, life, and work**—building authentic friendships, finding purpose, and striving for excellence.

Launch Party Details:

 **Thursday, January 22, 2026**

 **7:00 – 9:00 PM** (Doors open at 6:30 PM)

 **Goei Center**

FREE Event & Parking | Complimentary hors d'oeuvres | Business casual attire

Registration required: <https://www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org/chapter/grand-rapids>

Why come?

- Meet other Catholic professionals
- Celebrate this exciting new chapter
- Learn how to live your faith in the workplace

Register now—spots are limited!

Questions? Email info@ycpgrandrapids.org

Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn: [@ycpgrandrapids](https://www.instagram.com/ycpgrandrapids)

**Cherish Marriage 2026**

Join other couples from across the Diocese of Grand Rapids for a night to strengthen your marriage. The annual Cherish Marriage event is planned for Friday, Feb. 6, 2026, at Watermark Country Club. The evening runs from 6 – 11 p.m.

Michael Gormley of Lay Evangelist will be the keynote speaker. Registration is now open at CherishMarriage.net. Don't delay; this event always sells out!

ATTENTION MEN! The **2026 Building a Legacy Catholic Men's Conference** will be here before we know it... do not miss out on this opportunity to grow in faith and virtue, becoming more of the man God created you to be! With a dynamic lineup of speakers—including Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Michael Gormley—as well as opportunities to receive the Sacraments, you will be both strengthened and challenged in your faith and in living your life on the solid Rock that is Christ. **March 14, 2026, at St. Robert's of Newminster in Ada.** Registration is open now.

Go to www.buildingalegacy.org for more information and to register. Early bird registration ends Feb. 27.

Don't wait.'

The Taking of Jesus. No Force Needed

The taking of the statue of the baby Jesus from the Nativity scene at SS Peter and Paul Church is regrettable. Whatever the reason for such an act, it is unacceptable and shows how we have lost the sense of reverence for the sacred. We pray for those who took the image of the child Jesus Christ and hope they have a change of heart and realize what they have done.

Nevertheless, in hindsight, this situation made me think there can be a silver lining even in unfortunate events. Christ came into the world to be with us, especially for those who are hurting, troubled, and lacking in faith, to bring healing and wholeness to their souls. God desires to be with us. Those who took Him away may be in for a surprise when they realize that Christ, our Lord, ultimately desires to be with them as well.

To all who seek to embrace Christ or have already welcomed Him into their hearts, I gently encourage you to stay close to Him. There is no need for any form of deceit or force—simply approach Him sincerely and ask. Trust in His power to bring wonderful changes into your life. Remember the thief on the cross with Jesus, who humbly recognized his need and asked for mercy. Christ lovingly assured him, “Today you will be with me in paradise.”

El robo de la imagen del Niño Jesús. No se necesita la fuerza.

El robo de la estatua del Niño Jesús de nuestro pesebre en San Pedro y Pablo es lamentable. Cualquiera que sea el motivo de tal acto, es inaceptable y demuestra cuánto hemos perdido el sentido de reverencia por lo sagrado. Oramos por quienes se llevaron la imagen del Niño Jesús y esperamos que cambien de parecer y se den cuenta de lo que han hecho.

Sin embargo, en retrospectiva, esta situación me hizo pensar que incluso en los acontecimientos desafortunados puede haber un lado positivo. Cristo vino al mundo para estar con nosotros, especialmente con aquellos que sufren, están afligidos y carecen de fe, para traer sanación e integridad a sus almas. Dios desea estar con nosotros. Quienes se lo llevaron quizás se sorprendan al darse cuenta de que Cristo, nuestro Señor, en última instancia, también desea estar con ellos.

A todos los que buscan abrazar a Cristo o ya lo han acogido en sus corazones, les animo con cariño a permanecer cerca de Él. No hay necesidad de engaño alguno; simplemente acérquense a Él con sinceridad y pidan. Confíen en su poder para traer cambios maravillosos a sus vidas. Recuerden al ladrón en la cruz junto a Jesús, quien humildemente reconoció su necesidad y pidió misericordia. Cristo le aseguró con amor: «Hoy estarás conmigo en el paraíso».

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS**Sunday, January 18, 8:00 am****Saint Edward Church****Tuesday, December 20, 12:10 pm**

+Elworth and Ethel Hall (Alan Brodbeck)

Thursday, January 22, 7 pm

Protection of human life

Friday, January 23, 9:00 am

+ Living & Deceased Member of the Walliczek Family

Saturday, January 24, 6:00 pm

Dave Russell (Shirley Howe)

Lector: Alan B. EMHC: Alan B., & Yvonne

Sunday, January 25, 8:00 am

+ Eligio & Rebecca Galaviz (Kris Galaviz)

Lector: Karen Z. EMHC: Mary H., Cindy G., & Mike R.

Special Mass January 22

We invite you to join us for a special Mass for the protection of human life on January 22, Thursday at 7pm at St Edwards Parish in Lake Odessa. We pray for the sanctity and protection of human life from conception to natural death.

Adoration with confession is from 6-7pm.

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

January 22, & January 29

Adorers January 22Fredia Wernette/ Marsha Stadel (6-7)
Anne Adams/ 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.

Contribution Envelopes-

Envelopes have all been mailed out. If you did not receive your envelopes and have not contacted the office, please contact the office. The office will contact the envelope supplier to request a new set of envelopes.

Contribution Statements—

Contribution statements have started to be mailed out. Statements are mailed to any parishioner who made a contribution last year. Please look for them this week.

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.

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:

Eric Clark, Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong, Jake Jacobson, Marlene Harkin Family, Julie Sutton VanLiew, Angie Raymond, Ken Brewer & 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, February 3, 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 25
February 1, 15, & 22**

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 January 21, and 28

The OCIA group will meet in the Family Center Library on January 14 and 21 to view The Mass series by Bishop Barron. Everyone is welcome to join us from 6:30-8:30 pm.

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.

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 February 7. If you're looking to grow in faith and fellowship with your fellow Catholic men, please join us. Contact Andrew Coates for more details.

Bilingual Praying of the Holy Rosary/Oración bilingüe del Santo Rosario

We extend an invitation to our Catholic community to participate in the prayer of the Holy Rosary on **January 19, 2026, Monday at 7:00 PM at SS Peter and Paul Parish**. Kindly note that the service will be conducted bilingually.

May we, as a Church, continue to walk together, praying for the country in upholding the sanctity and protection of human dignity and being a light of hope in the midst of uncertainty.

Extendemos una invitación a nuestra comunidad católica para participar en la oración del Santo Rosario el 19 de enero de 2026, el lunes a las 7:00 p. m. en la parroquia de San Pedro y San Pablo. Tenga en cuenta que el servicio se llevará a cabo de forma bilingüe.

Que nosotros, como Iglesia, sigamos caminando juntos, orando por el país en la defensa de la santidad y protección de la dignidad humana y siendo una luz de esperanza en medio de la incertidumbre.

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Jan 10/11, 2026

	Jan 10/11, 2026
Adults	\$ 8,854.00
Loose	\$ 167.00
Total receipts:	\$ 9,021.00
Budgeted Weekly	\$ 4,000.00
Overage	\$ 5,021.00

July 1, 2025 – Jan 11, 2026 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date	\$ 127,589.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 108,000.00
Overage Year-to-Date:	\$ 19,589.00

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.

Counters January 22: Janice Fyan & Joe Hikcy

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on:

Tuesday, February 10

Winners of the Knights of Columbus Raffle for 1/11/2026:

1 st Place	\$ 175	Robin Nurenberg
2 nd Place	\$ 50	Jake Jacobson
3 rd Place	\$ 25	John Fryover

**Men of the Eucharist-
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Pray for Seminarian:
Issac A. Schneider
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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.

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 2026: Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 22, Apr. 19, May 17

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