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One ounce of the Cross is worth more than a million  
 pounds of prayer. One day of crucifixion is worth  
 more than a hundred years of all other exercises. It is  
 worth more to remain a moment upon the Cross, than  
 to taste the delights of Paradise.

---Ven. Sister Maria Vittoria Angelini

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

God is love and merciful. This is the simple yet powerful  
 message of the Divine Mercy. His love endures forever and  
 His mercy is unlimited. Jesus spoke to Sister Faustina and  
 revealed to her the immensity of His mercy and how He  
 desires to pour out this mercy to all. *All the works of My hands*

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Saint Edwards sites, please scan the QR code for each.



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website

**Sunday, April 19, 8:00am**  
 +Jill VandeVelde (Mick VandeVelde)

the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of

*Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic*  
*Church*  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**



JESUS I TRUST IN YOU!

**IT'S DIVINE  
 MERCY SUNDAY!**

“The soul that will go to  
 confession  
 and receive Holy Communion  
 shall obtain complete forgiveness  
 of sins and punishment!”  
 – Our Lord to St. Faustina (Diary 699)

**Please Pray for:**

Eric Clark, Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong,  
 Juile Sutton Van Liew, Jake Jacobson, 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.*

Please continue to pray for our Catechumens and  
 Candidates, Kendra Wernet, Amber Reyes, Kade Boucher,  
 Kyle Rodriguez, Zachary Villeneuve, Keegan VanAlstine,  
 and Jetta Ferguson, as they entered the church at the Easter  
 Vigil.

Ava Radmacher, Henery Haskin & Estelle Haskin will be  
 receiving First Communion on May 3. Please remember

**OUR PARISH OFFERING – April 4/5, 2026**

Adults	\$ 4,534.00
Loose:	\$ 193.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 4,727.00</b>
Budgeted Weekly:	\$ 4,000.00
<b>Overage/Shortage:</b>	<b>\$ 727.00</b>

**July 1, 2025 – Apr 5, 2026 Fiscal YTD Offertory  
 Collections\**

Year-to-Date:	\$ 192,085.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	156,000.00
<b>Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>\$ 36,085.00</b>

*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



**ADORATION**

Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm  
Every First Friday 9:30 am –  
11 pm

Adorers for April 16

6-7 Gillette/Endres

7-8 Andrew /open

Thank you to all who have signed up for adoration. If you need more information, please get in touch with Suzanne King at 269-271-6406.

Scan the QR code or use the sign-up sheets located in the church to sign up for Adoration.



**DINNER FOR EIGHT IS WAITING FOR YOU!!**

After too long an absence, Dinner for Eight is being resurrected. For those not familiar with the concept, this is how it works. Each month on the same Saturday night, eight people enjoy the company of members of our parish community at dinner. The host house changes, the guests change and we get to know each other over a delicious meal. The host provides the entree' and each guest is assigned part of the meal to bring. To sign up, please call Jamie Schafer at 517-974-4508 or fill out the bottom and deposit in the collection basket. Hope to see you around the table.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to host?  Not necessary to participate

**Join Young Catholic Professional Grand Rapids for their very first Executive Panel Discussion, on the virtue of Hope!**

Our panelists will discuss hope and give insights into that virtue through the eyes of their spiritual lives, careers, and day-to-day living. We'll open it up to Q&A followed by small group discussions, which serve as a great opportunity to network with others and explore the virtue.

*Speakers:*

- Fr. John Bosco Ssekkomo, *chaplain Health*
- Mallory Root, *owner of Roots Brew*
- David Bellamy, *CEO of Catholic C Michigan*



**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 2026: Apr. 19, May 17**

Just show up or email Pattie Reynolds, [preynolds@grdiocese.org](mailto:preynolds@grdiocese.org), to RSVP or with questions.

**Renewing the Catholic Family Series returns**

Raising kids in today's world can feel overwhelming. Join speaker Jeff Veley as he shares practical tools for raising resilient, faith-filled children. Appetizers, beverages, and child care will be available for those attending.

**April 16 | All Saints Academy Upper Campus**

1110 4 Mile Rd., Grand Rapids, MI 49525

6-6:30 p.m.: Reception

6:30-7:30 p.m.: Presentation

7:30-8:30 p.m.: Q&A and fellowship

Child care available

Jeff Veley is an award-winning youth motivational speaker and education consultant who specializes in resilience education for social aggression.

He is Executive Director of the [SQUABBLES® Institute](#) and co-author of [Golden Rule Ambassadors](#) as well as [Bigfoot Gets Bullied](#) (a #1 Amazon best seller). Over 1 million people have been impacted by Jeff's peace-making strategies. As a result, he's received two international awards for effectiveness in conflict resolution and excellence in bullying prevention. Jeff is officially recognized as a *Peace Ambassador* by the United Nations.

**Find hope and healing after abortion through a Rachel's**

**ST. EDWARD'S PRESCHOOL**

**Open Enrollment for 2026-27**

We are accepting applications from families who would like their child to attend our program this Fall. While looking forward to another exciting school year, we believe that our current curriculum will allow your child to continue to learn while also contributing to the development of the whole child - cognitive, physical, social, emotional, and language. We are committed to challenging, fun and Blessings,

Ms. Fredia / Program Director of St. Edward's Preschool

**Where learning and play are all in God's hands!**

Saint Edward Faith Formation 2026

Class Dates: April 12, 19, 26

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](mailto:fredia@wowway.biz).

**OCIA**

Anyone who needs to complete their initiation into the church is invited to attend. If you or someone you know has not received First Communion or Confirmation, now is the time to complete your catechesis. Call with questions: 616-374-8340.

**Grief Support Group**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 5, 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

**WYD 2027 S**

The Office of young adults

**In person at the Catholic Information Center or virtually**  
**Scan the QR code to register:** Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness the global Church firsthand and experience the rich and vibrant story of Catholicism in Korea! Eligibility for WYD: Must be 18 by July 30, 2027

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

Nicholas Whitmer  
 O Lord Jesus Ch St Robert of Newminister, Ada  
 in Your unerring Propaedeutic Stage-College New Man  
 who are models St. John Vianney College Seminary  
 of sacrifice. Tea  
 possessions; but above all, teach them to know You and to love You, the One and Only Eternal Priest. Amen.

**Volunteers**

Catholic stewardship volunteering is a way of life, where parishioners recognize gifts from God and share their time, talent, and treasure—to serve the Church and community. Volunteers act as stewards rather than owners, cultivating talents for the benefit of others. We could not make the impact we do without the continued support and dedication of our parishioners. Please consider volunteering for one of the many ministries that we have here.

We are looking for Lectors, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Bulletin Folders, Ushers, Greeters, Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Counters, CSA and gardeners. Every volunteer, every hour given, is a blessing! Please call the office for more information.



Spring clean-up day is coming in April. Watch for updates on the time and day and join in the parish clean up.

**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 **May 2**. If you're looking to grow in faith and fellowship with your fellow Catholic men, please join us. Contact Andrew Coates for more details.