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If you see that you have not yet suffered tribulations, consider it certain that you have not begun to be a true servant of God; for the Apostle says plainly that all who choose to live piously in Christ, shall suffer persecutions.  
 ~St. Augustine



Council #14404  
 Andrew Coates, Grand Knight  
 Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the Month.

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 Enroll for the  
 2026-27  
 School Year



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*Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Pastor:** Father Eugene Batungbacal  
[Freugene@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:Freugene@ssppcatholic.com)

**April 26, 2026**  
 Saint Edward Church  
 531 Jordan Lake St.  
 Lake Odessa, MI 48849

**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**

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
**8:30 AM-2 PM**  
 Closed on Monday & Wednesday

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**Bulletin Deadline-Monday noon**

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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.



**26 Sunday:** FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
 Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23:1-6 1Pt 2:20b-25

**27 Monday:** Easter Weekday  
 Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Jn 10:11-18

**28 Tuesday:** Easter Weekday; St. Peter Chanel, Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, priest  
 Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-7 Jn 10:22-30

**29 Wednesday:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church  
 Acts 12:24—13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Jn 12:44-50

**30 Thursday:** Easter Weekday: St. Pius V, Pope  
 Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 Jn 13:16-20

**1 Friday:** Easter Weekday; St. Joseph the Worker  
 Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11b Jn 14:1-6

**2 Saturday:** Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church  
 Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 14:7-14

**3 Saturday:** FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
 Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 1Pt 2:4-9

**Understanding Faith**

Faith is fundamentally a deeply personal commitment to God, encompassing our individual choice to trust and rely on Him. This commitment is not merely emotional; it is a conscious and intentional decision to embrace the entirety of the truth that God has revealed through various means, such as scripture, tradition, and the teachings of the Church. This understanding of faith is crucial as it involves both a sense of trust and an acknowledgment of the authority of God as the ultimate source of truth.

The conviction that faith instills in us is rooted in the assurance that God Himself guarantees the truthfulness of what He has communicated. This divine revelation is not random or arbitrary; rather, it is part of a larger narrative that God has woven into the fabric of human history. The Holy Spirit plays a vital role in this process, assisting individuals in their journey of belief and deepening their relationship with the divine.

Growing in our understanding of God’s Revelation is not an instantaneous process; rather, it is a lifelong journey filled with learning and discovery. Engaging with theology and catechesis—ever-evolving fields that study and explain the faith—plays an essential role in this journey. These disciplines are designed to deepen the understanding of the messages contained within our faith and help believers navigate the complexities of their spiritual lives.

In the coming weeks, I will highlight in our bulletin the beauty of our Catholic Faith by exploring key teachings and principles from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which systematically presents the doctrines, sacraments, commandments, and prayer practices fundamental to our beliefs.

**Entendiendo la fe**

La fe es fundamentalmente un compromiso profundamente personal con Dios, que abarca nuestra decisión individual de confiar y depender de Él. Este compromiso no es meramente emocional; es una decisión consciente e intencional de aceptar la totalidad de la verdad que Dios ha revelado a través de diversos medios, como las Escrituras, la tradición y las enseñanzas de la Iglesia. Esta comprensión de la fe es crucial, ya que implica tanto un sentimiento de confianza como el reconocimiento de la autoridad de Dios como la fuente última de la verdad.

La convicción que la fe nos infunde se basa en la seguridad de que Dios mismo garantiza la veracidad de lo que ha comunicado. Esta revelación divina no es aleatoria ni arbitraria; más bien, forma parte de una narrativa más amplia que Dios ha entretejido en la historia de la humanidad. El Espíritu Santo desempeña un papel vital en este proceso, asistiendo a las personas en su camino de fe y profundizando su relación con lo divino.

Creer en nuestra comprensión de la Revelación de Dios no es un proceso instantáneo; más bien, es un camino que dura toda la vida, lleno de aprendizaje y descubrimiento. El estudio de la teología y la catequesis —campos en constante evolución que estudian y explican la fe— desempeña un papel esencial en este camino. Estas disciplinas están diseñadas para profundizar en la comprensión de los mensajes de nuestra fe y ayudar a los creyentes a afrontar las complejidades de su vida espiritual.

En las próximas semanas, destacaré en nuestro boletín la belleza de nuestra fe católica explorando enseñanzas y principios clave del Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, que presenta sistemáticamente las doctrinas, los sacramentos, los mandamientos y las prácticas de oración fundamentales para nuestras creencias.

*MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS*

**Sunday, April 26, 8:00am**

+Martin Johnson by Gayla and Martin Kretovic

**Tuesday, April 28, 12:10 pm**

Ruth O’Mara

**Friday, May 1, 9:00 am**

Parish Family

**First Saturday Mass 8:00am**

Parish Family

**Saturday, May 2, 6:00pm**

+Dalton Nelson

Lector: Greg

EMHC: Yvonne, Bill, Carolyn

**Sunday, May 3, 8:00am**

First Communion Children

Lector: Alan

EMHC: Mike R., Allan, Volunteer

*“May the angels welcome you into paradise,  
May the martyrs greet you on your way,  
May you see the face of the Lord this day.”*



Please pray for the soul of **Julie Sutton Van Liew**, wife of **Bob Van Liew** & daughter of **Bill & Mary Sutton**, who passed from death to life this past week.

Please pray for the soul of **Pat Maurer**, husband of **Margaret Maurer**, who passed from death to life on April 18.

Please pray for the soul of **John Mickols**, husband of **Betty Mikols**, who passed from death to life on April 20.

*“Eternal rest grant unto them,  
Oh Lord, may they rest in peace.”*



**ADORATION**  
Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm  
**No Adoration/Confession on April 30**

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.

**FAMILY ROSARY**

The signup sheet for the Family Rosary is in the vestibule of the church. Everyone is invited to take this opportunity to share the mysteries of the Rosary with your family.

**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.

**Please Pray for:**

Eric Clark, Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong, 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.*

Congratulations to our First Communion class of 2026:

**Ava Radmacher, Henery Haskin & Estelle Haskin**

Please remember these children in your daily prayers.



**STEP UP AND SERVE THE LORD**  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Saturday, May 2, 9:30am **All servers & Parents** meeting (Church)  
Cor Men’s Group

Sunday, May 3-First Communion

Tuesday, May 5-Grief Support Group

Friday, May 8- Breakfast and Theology

Sunday, May 17 Baccalaureate

**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. Hope to see you around the table.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to host \_\_\_\_\_ Not necessary to participate.

*Happy Birthday*

- 02 Kristine Possehn, Connor Grinnell
- 03 Michael Wruble, Allen Hamp & Caleb Wilson
- 07 Robert King
- 08 Jase Carter
- 10 Donne Fetterhoff
- 13 Paula Clark, Matti Aldrich, Stephen Aldrich, and Ella Rademacher
- 17 Gerald Tomandl
- 24 Diane Cunningham
- 26 Carrie Haskin, Kyle Possehn
- 27 Sherry Agostinelli, Clare Haskin

*Happy Anniversary*

- Roger and Dee Manshum 66 years on May 4*
  - Maurico and Emily Burns 15 years on May 22*
  - Chris and Darla Vinton years 26 on May 28*
  - Allen and Diane Haskin 55 years on May 30*
- Please contact the office with any additions or corrections.*

**OUR PARISH OFFERING – April 18/19, 2026**

Adults	\$ 8,679.00
Loose:	\$ 208.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 8,887.00</b>
Budgeted Weekly:	\$ 4,000.00
<b>Overage/Shortage:</b>	<b>\$ 4,887.00</b>

**July 1, 2025 – Apr 19, 2026 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections\**

Year-to-Date:	\$ 203,844.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	164,000.00
<b>Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>\$ 39,844.00</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 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 for May 3: **Pat & Doug**

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be held on May 12, 2026 at 7pm.



This week, you will receive a letter from Bishop Walkowiak asking you to make your commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries through the Appeal. These are ministries that benefit us all but are difficult for anyone parish to provide on its own. Your gift to the CSA enables the Catholic Church to reach out to people in our 11 counties in a variety of ways, including through seminarian and deacon formation; youth programming; support for the homebound and incarcerated; families who are struggling; the hungry, and the homeless.



Through the CSA, we all work together to care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has granted us. Our parish goal for 2026 is \$38, 912 and **100% participation**, which means every parishioner should return their pledge card. Please join us in this important work!

**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.

**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.

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

