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*Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church*

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**September 1, 2024**  
Saint Edward Church  
531 Jordan Lake St.

Lake Odessa, MI 48849

**Pastor:** Father Tom Brown  
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
8 AM-2 PM

Closed Tuesdays & Fridays

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday Vigil **6:00 PM**

Sunday **9:45 AM**

**Weekday Masses:**

Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri. **9:00 AM**

Thursday **12:10 PM**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Thursday **6:30 PM-7:30 PM**

or by appointment

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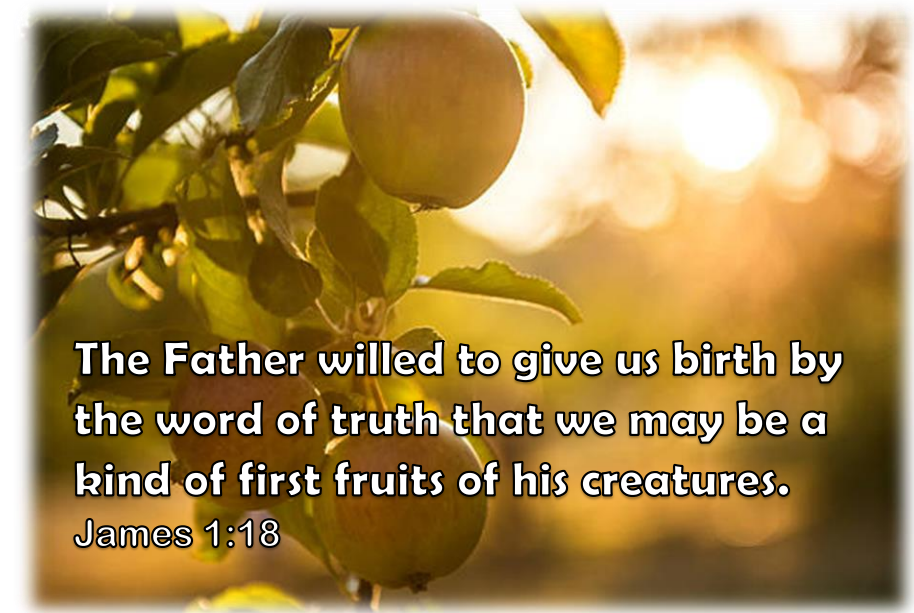
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

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.



**The Father willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.**  
James 1:18

**01 Sunday: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dt :1-2, 6-8 Ps 15:2-5 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27  
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**02 Monday: Weekday**

1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97-102 Lk 4:16-30

**03 Tuesday: Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church**

1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-14 Lk 4:31-37

**04 Wednesday: Weekday**

1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-15, 20-21 Lk 4:38-44

**05 Thursday: Weekday; Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin**

1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 9:17-29

**06 Friday: Weekday**

1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40 Lk 5:33-39

**07 Saturday: Weekday**

1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145:17-21 Lk 6:1-5

**08 Sunday: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 35:4-7a Ps 146:7-10 Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37



**Mary as Queen**

A few days ago, we celebrated the Queenship of our Blessed Virgin Mary. It was a day (and still is) dedicated to rejoicing that our Mother is also the Queen of Heaven and Earth. Yet Mary’s title as Queen of Heaven and Earth is a great scandal to many non-Catholic Christians. After all, the Bible doesn’t mention anything about there being a queen in God’s kingdom. All this royal attention Catholics give to Mary---whether it is singing “Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above” or “Queen of Apostles” or other songs along with Mary in statues and paintings with a crown on her head---seems too many non-Catholics to detract from the royalty of Christ, who alone is the King of Kings. Besides, how could Mary be a queen since she is not the wife of Jesus but only his mother?

There are a few biblical passages that shed some light on this topic. One is the topic of the queen in the Old Testament. In the rule of King David as well as other ancient kingdoms, the mother of the ruling king held an important office in the royal court and played a key role in the process of dynastic succession. In fact, it is the king’s mother, not his wife that ruled as queen. Ancient Kings had many wives but only one mother. Her royal office is also described by Jeremiah, who tells how the queen mother possessed a throne and a crown, symbolic of her position of authority in the kingdom: “Say to the king and the queen mother: ‘Take a lowly seat, for your beautiful crown has come down from your head. . . Lift up your eyes and see those who come from the north. Where is the flock that was given you, your beautiful flock?’” (Jer. 13:18, 20). It is significant that God directed this oracle about the upcoming fall of Judah to both the king and his mother. Addressing both the king and the queen mother, Jeremiah portrays her as sharing in her son’s rule over the kingdom. Let’s also look at Bathsheba, the wife of King David. She always bowed when David entered. But as the mother of King Solomon, she was seated at the right hand of the king. Sitting at his right hand symbolized her great power given by the king. Her power was second only to the king.

Second, we have the queen in the Book of Revelation in the New Testament. We read in Catholic.com “She can be seen in the great vision described in Revelation 12: “And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; she was with child and she cried out in her pangs of birth, in anguish for delivery” (Rev. 12:1–2). Who is this newborn child? He is described as the messianic king exercising his dominion. In verse 5, this king is described as one to “rule all the nations with a rod of iron” (Rev. 12:5, Ps. 2:9). This royal son is taken up to heaven to sit on a throne (Rev. 12:5), and he ushers in the kingdom of God by defeating the devil: “Now the kingdom of our God has come, for the accuser has been thrown down” (12:10). Certainly, this newborn child is the royal Messiah, King Jesus.” And his mother is Mary.

Remember the wedding feast at Cana, how Mary came to Jesus and told Him they were about to run out of wine? “How does this concern Me? My hour has not yet come.” Jesus said. Mary simply told the waiters to do whatever He tells you. They do. And Jesus changes water into wine. God glorified Mary by crowning her Queen. We celebrate it in the fifth decade of the Rosary. St. Gregory comments, “God the Father looks upon Mary’s honor as if it were His own. God the Son, taking delight in her, grants her every petition as if He were paying a debt.” Let us turn to Mary and ask for her to join with us in seeking God’s mercy.

Fr. Tom

**MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS**

**Sunday, September 01, 9:45 am**

+ William Helsper (Joe Hickey & Family)

**Monday, September 02, 9:00 am (Labor Day)**

Mary Gillette (Pray Partner)

**Tuesday, September 03, 9:00 am**

+ Michael O’Mara (Ruth O’Mara)

**Wednesday, September 04, 9:00 am**

+ Mike Price (Bert Walliczek)

**Thursday, September 05, 12:10 pm**

+ Betty Rodriguez (Connie Goble)

**Friday, September 06, 9:00 am**

Randy Armstrong

**Saturday, September 07, 09:00 am**

+William Helsper (Connie Goble)

**Saturday, September 07, 6:00 pm**

St. Edward Parish

**Lector:** Allen H.

**EMHC:** Yvonne M. & Carolyn M.

**Sunday, September 08, 9:45 am**

+Betty Rodriguez (Joe Hickey & Family)

**Lector:** Anne A.

**EMHC:** Mike R., Mary H., & Carole H.

**The Office will be Closed for Labor Day** on Monday, September 2, and reopen on Wednesday at 8 am. Thank you.



**Adoration**

Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.  
September 5, 12, 19, & 26

Contact Suzanne King at 269-271-6406 for more information.



**Parish Picnic**

September 8, 2024

1:00 pm

Family Center

Family Fun, Fellowship, and Food

**Did you attend the National Eucharistic Congress?**

Bishop Walkowiak invites all pilgrims who made their way to Indianapolis to a special follow-up gathering. On September 4 at 6 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew, Grand Rapids Michigan. Our first hour together will be with Jesus in adoration, followed by a reception at Cathedral Square Center where we’ll have time to socialize and discuss the next steps for the Year of Mission. How can we all go forth to be missionaries for Christ in our diocese? Please RSVP for planning purposes: [surveymonkey.com/r/EucharisticPilgrims](https://surveymonkey.com/r/EucharisticPilgrims)

**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](http://grdiocese.org) or the diocesan Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/DioceseofGrandRapids/](https://www.facebook.com/DioceseofGrandRapids/).

**Please Pray for:**

Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong, Manuel Rodriguez, Julie Sutton VanLiew, those who have asked for prayers, & the homebound.



*If you want to add a name, please call or contact the office. Be sure you have the consent of the person of a family member.*

**Grief Support Group**

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, September 5**, at 1:00 pm, in the library. If you would like information, please call Marsha at 269-367-4403.

**Thank You-**

The Helsper Family sincerely thanks the congregation of St. Edward Church for the beautiful funeral service and for honoring the memory of William Helsper.

**K-12 FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION**

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is underway and we invite all 7th and 8th graders between the ages of 13 and 15+, as well as any Faith Formation student that missed out on the last class.

Parent and Candidate meeting on 9/29/24 at 11 am in the Family Center library. This is a **MANDATORY** meeting to take part in the Confirmation ceremony in the Fall of 2025. Please mark your calendars and RSVP (if you haven't already) by calling Fredia at 374-7253 x4.

Faith Formation starts on Sept. 8. Registration forms will be in the entryways and online. Please have forms returned to the Faith Formation Department or mailbox by Aug. 30th.

**RCIA 2024-2025**

This year, the RCIA team is offering an opportunity for the St. Edward community to explore their faith. The Wednesday night sessions are from 6:30 – 8:00. The topics include Scripture, church history, and theology. These gatherings are in tandem with RCIA at the same location in different rooms with different discussions. Please join us beginning September 4<sup>th</sup>,

R.C.I.A resumes on September 4th at 753 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. R.C.I.A. is for Baptized adults who haven’t received all the Sacraments, spouses of Catholics who would like to enter the Church, and any adult who wants to learn about Catholicism and all it offers. We meet from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in an informal atmosphere. Below is the schedule through Christmas, after which we will continue with the balance of the curriculum. Please call with questions. 616-374-8340

- 09-04 Intro to the class and facilitator introductions
- 09-11 God and Creation (Gary)
- 09-18 Divine Revelation, Scripture, and Tradition (Jerry)
- 09-25 Trinity and the Incarnation (Andrew)
- 10-02 Grace, Merit and Salvation (Gary)
- 10-09 Church and the 4 marks of the Church (Anne)
- 10-16 Commandments 1-3 (Suzanne)
- 10-23 Commandments 4-5-6 (Jerry)
- 10-30 Commandments 7-8-9-10 (Alan)
- 11-06 Prayer (Anne)
- 11-13 The Creed (Alan)
- 11-20 Tour of the Church
- 12-04 The Mass Bishop Barron
- 12-11 The Mass Bishop Barron
- 12-18 The Mass Bishop Barron

**OUR PARISH OFFERING – Aug 17-18, 2024**

Adults	\$ 2,800.00
Loose:	\$ 769.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	\$ 3,569.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,850.00
<b>Overage/Shortage:</b>	\$ ( 281.00)

**July 1, 2024 – Aug 18, 2024, Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections**

Year-to-Date:	\$ 27,952.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 26,950.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ 1,002.00

*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.*

**Counter September 8: Pat Drake & Larry Adams**

**Next Finance Meeting is November 11 at 6:30 pm**

**The Finance Council is looking for new members.**

If you are interested or just want more information, see Dan Sheilds.



The next Meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 10, at 7 pm.**

The Knights of Columbus Recycling Trailer is open for business. Please drop off your pre-sorted glass bottles, aluminum cans, and Michigan-approved recyclable plastic bottles (check the label).

**Cor Men’s Group- The next meeting: September 14**

Join us as the Cor Men’s Group resumes on Saturday, September 14, at 8:00 AM. This is a great opportunity to deepen your faith and build strong connections with other Catholic men in our parish community.

For more information contact Andrew Coates at (269) 838-4418.

**WME Sharing Group- The next meeting: September 13**

If you have ever attended a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience in the past, we would like to invite you to join our sharing group. We meet at St. Edward on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, at 7 pm in the basement.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris and Darla Vinton at 410-487-5226.

**A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar**

In today’s gospel, Jesus warns “what comes from within can defile” a person. Families need to worry about “outside influences” but also about “inside influences.” The values our children carry for a lifetime are learned at home. Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child. That’s the good news! That can also be the bad news!