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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



September 22, 2024
Saint Edward Church
531 Jordan Lake St.
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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

Secretary: Katherine Martin 616-374-7253

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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.

22 Sunday: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20 Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 Jas 3:16—4:3 Mk 9:30-37

23 Monday: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Prv 3:27-34 Ps 15:2-5 Lk 8:16-18

24 Tuesday: Weekday

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44 Lk 8:19-21

25 Wednesday: Weekday

Prv 30:5-9 Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 Lk 9:1-6

26 Thursday: Weekday; Saints Comas and Damian, Martyrs

Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Lk 9:7-9

27 Friday: Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4 Lk 9:18-22

28 Saturday: Weekday: Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr

Eccl 11:9—12:8 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Lk 9:43b-45

29 Sunday: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29 Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14 Jas 5:1-6

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

How much do you think about the angels? Not very much, if even any? For some people, angels are nothing more than a childhood memory similar to the tooth fairy or the Easter bunny. For others, the word pulls up an image of Clarence, the harmless, slightly bumbling elderly angel from the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*, who has not yet managed to earn his wings. And some people think of them as spirits who are limited to the halls of heaven where they worship God night and day.

Angels do worship God but they also do much, much more. They are God's faithful servants, always ready to do anything for Him. Next Sunday, the 29th of September is normally the feast day for the archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael but because it is Sunday they will be skipped in favor of the 25th feast day of the year. Pope Gregory the Great talked about the angels in a homily saying "The word angel denotes a function, not a nature. Those holy spirits of heaven have always been spirits. We call them angels when they are sent on a mission by God. Those who deliver messages of lesser importance are called angels and those who proclaim messages of supreme importance are called archangels." So it was that the archangel Gabriel who was sent to the Virgin Mary to ask if she would be willing to become the mother of Jesus. It was fitting that this great message would be brought by an archangel!

The names given to the angels denote their ministry when they are sent to us. Gabriel is called the "Strength of God," Raphael is "God's Remedy," and Michael means "Who is like God?" Gabriel, who is called, God's Strength, is always present as the bearer of good news. In addition to his message to Our Mother Mary, he also announced to Zachariah that he and his wife would be the parents of a child they were to name John. There is no greater delight in a family than the birth of a child because Zachariah didn't believe, he was struck dumb until after the child was born and named John. And the best announcement of course was the upcoming birth of our Savior! Thus, God's Strength spoke of the mighty power of our Lord. Raphael, God's Remedy, brings messages and actions of healing. He touched the eyes of Tobit to cure him, banishing the darkness of his being blind. When some act of wondrous power must be performed, Michael is sent, so that his action and his name makes it clear that no one can do what God decrees. Michael the Archangel appeared in the Old Testament several times. He defends the chosen people on God's behalf. He also appears in the Book of Revelation in the final battle with the devil Satan.

This battle with the forces of evil is not limited to the pages of Scripture but is ongoing in our lives. Pope John Paul II taught, "*The continuous struggle with the devil that characterizes Michael the archangel is still going on since the devil, who seeks to take advantage of every situation, is still living and operative in the world...We have the impression today that people do not want to see the problem. Everything possible is done to remove from public awareness the existence of the 'cunning attacks of the devil' who holds dominion over the underworld as spoken in Ephesians.* St. Peter encouraged the early Christians to be vigilant. "Be sober and watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion seeking souls to devour (1Pet5:7-8). Perhaps the greatest triumph of Satan and his followers is that today many question his existence. They say the belief in angels was a mistaken belief of culturally backward people. Let us not forget. Their action in the life of the world and their influence on people is real and effective. May we frequently seek the help of angels and archangels. *St. Michael the archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil...*

Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, September 22, 9:45 am

Saint Edward Parish

Monday, September 23, 9:00 am

For all Priest

Tuesday, September 24, 9:00 am

Communion Service

Wednesday, September 25, 9:00 am

Communion Service

Thursday, September 26, 12:10 pm

Communion Service

Friday, September 27, 9:00 am

+ Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family

Saturday, September 28, 6:00 pm

+ Morris Hickey (Bill & Mary Sutton)

Lector: Kathy Sipperly

EMHC: Yvonne M, & Carolyn M.

Sunday, September 29, 9:45 am

+ Mike Price (Bert Walliczek)

Lector: Anne A.

EMHC: Mike R., Janice F., & Chris V.

No Daily Mass on September 24-26.

Father Tom will be attending the Dioceses Convocation during that time. Also, No Adoration or Confession on September 26.

Adoration

Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.

September 5, 12, & 19

No Adoration on September 26



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

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: www.facebook.com/DioceseofGrandRapids/.

Men of the Eucharist

Strengthen by CHRIST- Responding with Joy



Pray for Seminarian:

Charles W. Leidel
Mundelein Seminary
1000 E. Maple Avenue
Mundelein, IL 60060

Oh God, hear our prayer for the men you have chosen to follow in your Son's footsteps.

Teach them humility and fidelity to unselfishly help others.

May their devotion to Our Blessed Mother, Queen of Vocations increase, enabling them to do your will.

Strengthen their prayer life so that they may grow spiritually without worldly distractions.

Give them courage and perseverance in their studies.

May the Holy Spirit lighten their struggles with their vocations, until they know the joy of being a priest.

We ask this through Christ your Son.

Amen.

Please Pray for:

Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong, Manuel Rodriguez, Julie Sutton VanLiew, the Grieving, And 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 of a family member.

Grief Support Group

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, October 3**, at 1:00 pm, in the library. If you would like information, please call Marsha at 269-367-4403.

K-12 FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Faith Formation will be at 11 am on September 15.

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.

RCIA 2024-2025

R.C.I.A.'s next meeting will be September 18th at 753 5th 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.

- Please call with questions. 616-374-8340
- 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 Baron

Cor Men's Group- The next meeting: October 12

Join us as the Cor Men's Group resumes on Saturday, October 12, 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: October 11

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 2nd 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.

OUR PARISH OFFERING –Sept 14/15, 2024

Adults	\$ 2,925.00
Loose:	\$ 694.00
Total receipts:	\$ 3,619.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,850.00
Overage/Shortage:	\$ (231.00)

July 1, 2024 – Sept 15, 2024, Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 42,146.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 42,350.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ (204.00)

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 29: Greg Zuver & Joe Hickey

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, October 8, 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).

The Knights of Columbus is an International Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council, St. Edward #14404 will be holding a membership drive at our two Masses on Saturday, September 21st and Sunday, September 22nd. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today simply go to www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html and enter our council #14404 for local information. Knights will be available after each Mass to answer your questions. Thank you.

Pray for our Priests

The priests of the diocese attend a retreat together every fall. Let us gather as a Catholic community during this time to pray for our shepherds. On **Wednesday, Sept. 25th**, the following parishes in our county will be open for prayer.

St. John the Baptist, Hubbardston (9 – 10 a.m. and 6-7 p.m.)
St. Joseph, Pewamo (6-7 p.m.)

Check GRdiocese.org for a complete list.

"Support your priests with your love and prayers, that they may always be shepherds after Christ's heart." ~ Pope Francis