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*Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church*

**November 17, 2024**  
 Saint Edward Church  
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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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**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.

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**17 Sunday: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dn 12:1-3 Ps 16:5, 8-11 Heb 10:11-14, 18 Mk 13:24-32

**18 Monday: Weekday; The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Ps 1: 1-4, 6 Lk 18:35-43

**19 Tuesday: Weekday**

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 Ps 15:2-5 Lk 19:1-10

**20 Wednesday: Weekday**

Rv 4:1-11 Ps 150: 1-6 Lk 19:11-28

**21 Thursday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Rv 5:1-10 Ps 149:1-6, 9 Lk 19:41-44

**22 Friday: Saint Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr**

Rv 19:45-48 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Lk 19:45-48

**23 Saturday: Weekday; Saint Clement I, Pope, Martyr**

Rv 11:4-12 Ps 144:1-2, 9-10 Lk 20:27-40

**24 Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

Dn 7:13-14 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37

Two weeks ago, in my article about indulgences, I neglected to mention visiting a cemetery, especially during the month of November which is dedicated to prayers for the deceased. We used to lock up our cemetery beginning on the first of November for the winter. Now we leave it open until the first of December for additional time to stop in to pray.

I was also asked what passages in the Bible mentioned purgatory. One of course is 2 Maccabees 12:43-46. Here Judas Maccabee took up a collection and sent it to Jerusalem to pray for the sins killed in battle. If they were in hell, no prayer would be helpful. If already in heaven, no prayer was needed for them for they were already in the perfect glory of heaven with almighty God. This passage only makes sense if they were in a place of being purified of their sins which is what purgatory is. This passage only makes sense if one is in need of getting cleaned up before entering into heaven. Revelation 21:27 tells us that “Nothing profane shall enter heaven, nor anyone who is a liar or has done a detestable act.” Purgatory is the way that the righteous are made perfect, according to Hebrews 12:22-23. Hebrews goes on to tell us, beginning in verse 25 that “for if the Israelites did not escape punishment when they refused to listen as God spoke to them on earth, how much greater punishment will be ours if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven!” We have been warned. In Matthew 5:26 Jesus said, “I warn you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.” As we already mentioned it’s not hell for there is no payment and those in hell despise God. It is an image of purgatory. Jesus is telling us to change our lives now, to forgive and repent now. If we do not, we will still have to deal with those sins after death. It’s so much better to do so now.

How many times have we thought too little of those who have gone before us, leaving us with the signs of faith in following Jesus Christ? Or have we, like so many other members of the human race been so wrapped up in thoughts of ourselves and, immersed in the trifles of today, totally forgetful of our future life in eternity? It should be enough for us to know that those who have gone before are stretching out their hands to us for help, crying, *Have pity on me! Pray for me!* Yet to remember the dead with anything beyond a temporary thought is the exception. We may make an effort to pray for them in the first few days of our losing them to death. But mostly we don’t. Even when we visit a cemetery or go to church, do we pray for our loved ones who have died? We let ourselves off any concern for them by claiming they are in heaven right now and thus we don’t need to do a thing. Let us change! Let us pray for the souls in purgatory.

Let us also remember to have a Mass or Masses said for them. We used to have lots of Masses said for them but over the last several decades it has died off. So many no longer do anything. Stop by the parish office and ask for a Mass for them. Most generally an offering of \$10 per Mass is made but it can be less.

When one desires to gain a favor from God or through the intercession of Mary or one of the Saints, we often we sometimes say, “If this favor is granted, I will do this or that.” Far more preferable is to give beforehand what we intend to do. Remember the command of Christ to “give, and it shall be given to you.” St. John Bosco reminds us the Lord didn’t say, “Promise to give and it shall be given to you,” but rather, “give first and then you shall receive!”

May God bless you!

Fr. Tom

**MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS**

**Sunday, November 17, 9:45 am**

+ Theresa Kretovic (Grief Support Group)

**Monday, November 18, 9:00 am**

+Cody Evert (Nuala Williams)

**Tuesday, November 19, 9:00 am**

Pregnant Women & their Babies (Bert Walliczek)

**Wednesday, November 20, 9:00 am**

+ John Lyson (Judy Lyson)

**Thursday, November 21, 12:10 pm**

+ Living & Deceased members of the Walliczek Family

**Friday, November 22, 9:00 am**

St. Edward Parish

**Saturday, November 23, 6:00 pm**

+Maurice Hickey (Bill & Mary Sutton)

**Lector:** Dave B.

**EMHC:** Yvonne M., & Dave B.

**Sunday, November 24, 9:45 am**

+Valoise Rouse (Grief Support Group)

**Lector:** Alan B.

**EMHC:** Mike R., Chris V., & Alan B.

**Adoration**



Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.  
November 7, 14, 21 & 28

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

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

Join us as the Cor Men’s Group 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: December 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.

**Televised Sunday Mass:**

Join us each week for the live broadcast of Sunday Mass at 10 a.m. 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/).

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** (Mark 13:24-32)

**A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar**

Today’s gospel teaches us UNCERTAINTY is normal. There are some things in life which “no one knows ... only the Father.” Marriage and parenting are full of uncertainty for like the fig tree in the gospel, the people we love grow and change.

**Please Pray for:**

Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong, Manuel Rodriguez, Julie Sutton VanLiew, the homeless, 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, December 5**, 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 Sunday.

**November**

03. Faith Formation Class  
(*First Communion Parent Meeting*)

10. Faith Formation Class  
17. Faith Formation Class  
24. No Faith Formation Class

**December**

01. Faith Formation Class  
08. Faith Formation Class  
15. Faith Formation Class  
**22/29. No Faith Formation Class**

**RCIA 2024-2025**

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 or any adult who wants to learn about Catholicism & all it offers. We meet in an informal atmosphere from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at 753 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Please call with questions. 616-374-8340.

11-20 Tour of the Church  
12-04 The Mass Bishop Barron  
12-11 The Mass Bishop Barron  
12-18 The Mass Bishop Baron

**Living and Loving the Faith**

Join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm – 8 at 753 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Lake Odessa. In this weekly class, we’ll uncover the great spiritual treasure within our Catholic faith and learn how to live that faith boldly in an increasingly secular culture.

Please call 616-374-8340 with any questions.

November 20 The Paschal Mystery: Passion, Death, and Resurrection  
December 04 The Role of the Holy Spirit  
December 11 Mary, the Mother of God  
December 18 The Communion of Saints

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection**

Please be generous in this week’s special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country.

In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

**OUR PARISH OFFERING –Nov 9/10, 2024**

Adults	\$ 3,370.00
Loose:	\$ 1564.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 4,934.00</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,850.00
<b>Overage/Shortage:</b>	<b>\$ 1,084.00</b>
<b><u>July 1, 2024 – Nov 10, 2024 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections</u></b>	
Year-to-Date:	\$ 77,782.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 73,150.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ 4,632.00

*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 November 24: Dan

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

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



The next meeting will be on  
**Tuesday, December 9, 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).

**Men of the Eucharist  
Strengthen by CHRIST- Responding with Joy**



Pray for Seminarian:  
David Shamblin  
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.

**Priesthood Discernment** next Meeting- December 1 at St. Luke University Parish, Georgetown Twp., MI from 12:30pm -1:30 pm.  
For more information contact Fr. Stephen Durkee, [sdurkee@grdiocese.org](mailto:sdurkee@grdiocese.org) or Fr. Rob Mulderink, [firrob@lukespot.com](mailto:firrob@lukespot.com).