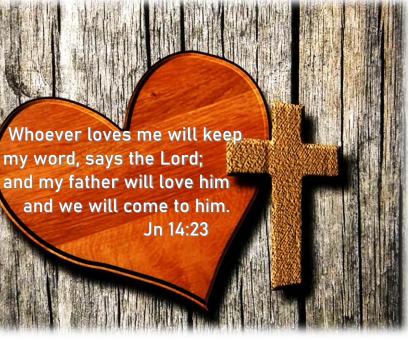


Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



03 Sunday: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 6:2-6 Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28b-34 04 Monday: Saints Charles Borromeo, Bishop Phil 2:1-4 Ps 131:1-3, 47, 51 Heb 7:23-28 **05 Tuesday:** Weekday Phil 2:5-11 Ps 22:26-32 Lk 14:12-14 **06 Wednesday:** Weekday Phil 2:12-18 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 14-25-33 **07 Thursday:** Weekday Phil 3-38a Ps 105:2-7 Lk 15:1-10 **08 Friday:** Weekday Phil 3:17—4:1 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 16:1-8 09 Saturday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22 10 Sunday: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 17:10-16 Ps 146:7-10 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44

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INDULGENCES

During the month of November, our Church invites us to pray more insistently and to offer our sufferings for the souls in purgatory. Pope John Paul II encouraged us to "feel bound by charity to offer those brothers and sisters who have experienced the fragility proper to human existence the help of our vigilant prayer. May whatever residue of human weakness still remaining in them to delay their happy encounter with God be definitively wiped out."

To enter into eternal life, it is necessary that we are purified of all sin. Does anybody remember coming in from working outside in our younger days and just plopping down at the dinner table? I do! Right away Mom would order us to go and get washed up first. So, it is with purgatory. It is getting washed up before entering into the heavenly banquet with God. Some Christians argue against purgatory. But it is in the Scriptures and it makes sense. And even if we were forgiven just before dying, we may still have some evil thoughts rooted in our souls at death. Or, if we have not been to confession, we may still have some venial sins on our souls. Or we may have a lack of love in dealing with our Lord which will defer our union with Him. How many times have we done a good deed reluctantly because of anger or even just, "I don't want to do it now" getting in the way? All this needs to be purified. Purgatory, part of God's infinite love for us, gives this to us after our death.

The infinite value of the Mass makes it a very important prayer to offer to God. Remember reading about Mass intentions in the bulletin? It is an offering made by the parish asking for the Mass to be offered for a particular person. Other prayers, like the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, our work, the sufferings in this life as well as the indulgences we merit for others are all helpful in getting purified for heaven.

Indulgences are either plenary or partial. For a plenary indulgence, the wiping away of all sins, we are to 1) have the intention of gaining the plenary indulgence; 2) receive the Sacrament of Penance several days before or after the action of the indulgence; 3) receive Holy Communion within several days (it's best if on the same day); 4) pray 6 Our Father, 6 Hail Mary, and 6 Glory Be for the intention of our Pope; 5) perform the act of indulgence; and 6) be free from all attachment to venial sin. This last item can be difficult. If we still have an attachment to venial sin, even while we struggle to get rid of it, then we receive a partial indulgence. How much of a partial indulgence, we leave up to God, our loving Father.

Indulgenced actions are simple. Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament for an hour, praying the Way of the Cross in church, a visit to a church on the Feast Day of All Souls (November 2) along with the prayer of the Our Father and the Creed for the poor souls in purgatory are just a few examples. There are many others. As we pray for the deceased, let us especially remember our parents and other family members who have gone before us into eternal life.

May God bless you! Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS Sunday, November 03, 9:45 am + Theresa Kretovic (Marsha Stadel) Monday, November 04, 9:00 am For pregnant women and their babies (Bert Walliczek) Tuesday, November 05, 9:00 am + Living & Deceased members of the Walliczek Family Wednesday, November 06, 9:00 am + Father Don Weber (Gayle & Dick Peacock) Thursday, November 07, 12:10 pm Saint Edward Parish Friday, November 08, 10:00 am For pregnant women and their babies (Bert Walliczek) Saturday, November 09, 6:00 pm + Morris Hickey (Bill & Mary Sutton) Lector: Rosann S. EMHC: Yvonne M., & Pat S. Sunday, November 10, 9:45 am +Edward & Nettie Schueller & living & deceased Family Members (The Rademacher Family) Lector: Anne A. EMHC: Janice F., Cindy G., & Mike R.



"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 Valoise Rouse,

Mother of Kristine Galaviz, who passed from death to life on October 15, 2024.

Adoration Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.

November 7, 14, 21 & 28 No Adoration or Confession October 31

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

Cor Men's Group- The next meeting: November 9

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: November 8

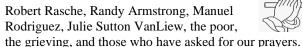
If you have ever attended a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience in the past, we would like to invite you to join our sharing group. We meet at St. Edward on the 2nd Friday of the month, at 7 pm in the basement. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris and Darla Vinton at 410-487-5226.

St. Edwards Preschool Christmas Wreath Sale \$26.00 each and ready for pick up on November 18th Orders are **due** by Nov 3, 2024

We will be offering fresh evergreens and a red ribbon. They are perfect for your front door and any holiday decorating. They are great for putting on stands for grave sites. Sign-up sheets are located by each church entrance. For more information, contact Fredia at 374-7253 X4. Thank you for supporting our Preschool!

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Please Prav for:



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, November 7, 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.

<u>November</u>

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 5th Avenue. Please call with questions. 616-374-8340.

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

Living and Loving the Faith

Join us on Wednesday evenings from $6:30 \text{ pm} - 8 \text{ at } 753 \text{ 5}^{\text{th}} \text{ Ave.}$ 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 06	Church Authority: The Pope and Magisterium
November 13	The Bible and Tradition
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

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 or the diocesan Facebook page: www.facebook.com/DioceseofGrandRapids/.

"Love, indeed, is the source of all good things: it is an impregnable defense and the way that leads to heaven. He who walks in love can neither go astray nor be afraid; love guides him, protects him, and brings him to his journey's end." -St. Fulgentius of Ruspe



OUR PARISH OFFERING - Oct 26/27, 2024			
Adults	\$	4,320.00	
Loose:	\$	243.00	
Total receipts:		4,563.00	
Weekly Budget	\$	3,850.00	
Overage/Shortage:	\$	713.00	
July 1, 2024 - Oct 27, 2024 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections			
Year-to-Date:	\$	66,616.00	
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$	65,450.00	
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:		1,166.00	

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 10: Pat Drake & Bill Sutton

Next Finance Meeting is November 11 at 6:30 pm

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, November 11, 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).

THANK YOU-

Thank you to all the parishioners who came out last Saturday to help clean the inside of the church and the church grounds. This small and enthusiastic group washed the pews, and windows, cleaned the flower beds, and trimmed the trees and shrubs.

Men of the Eucharist Strengthen by CHRIST- Responding with Joy



Pray for Seminarian:

Thomas Curry 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.