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*Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church*

*Third Sunday of Advent*

**December 15, 2024**  
Saint Edward Church  
531 Jordan Lake St.  
Lake Odessa, MI 48849

**Pastor:** Father Tom Brown  
[ftombrown@sspccatholic.com](mailto:ftombrown@sspccatholic.com)

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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

**Bookkeeper:** Dan Shields

**DRE:** Fredia 616-374-7253 ext. 202

**Hall Manager:** Fredia 616-374-7253 ext. 201

**Prayer Chain:** Gayle Peacock 616-374-8274

**Pastoral Council:** Kathy Carnegie, Colleen King, and Fredia Wernette

**Financial Council:** Andrew Snider, Jerry Tomandl, Allen Hamp, Chris Vinton, Mary Gillette & Marty Kretovic

**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.



**15 Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent**

Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

**16 Monday: Advent Weekday**

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 24:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9 Mt 21:23-27

**17 Tuesday: Advent Weekday**

Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-4b, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17

**18 Wednesday: Advent Weekday**

Jer 25:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25

**19 Thursday: Advent Weekday**

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25

**20 Friday: Advent Weekday**

Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38

**21 Saturday: Advent Weekday** Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Sg 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

**22 Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45



**DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS**

Office of the Bishop

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at the Basilica of Saint Peter in Vatican City to commence Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope. He has asked bishops to open the Jubilee Year in their local dioceses on the following weekend, December 29, the Feast of the Holy Family.

It is fitting that the opening of the Jubilee Year follows the holy season of Advent, a time when we reflect deeply on our reason for Christian hope. If the Eternal Word had not “become flesh and made his dwelling among us,” (Jn 1:14) we would be hopeless, but “Christ chose to be born and grow up in the bosom of the holy family of Joseph and Mary” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1655).

We too are pilgrims like those involved in the Nativity story: Joseph and Mary, the shepherds, and the magi. May this Jubilee be an “intense experience of the love of God that awakens in hearts the sure hope of salvation in Christ,” (Spes non Confundit, 6) just as all of them experienced on that night 2,000 years ago.

I invite all of you to the opening Mass for the Holy Year. The liturgy will begin at 3 p.m. in the Catholic Central High School gym where we can gather and process together as pilgrims into the Cathedral of Saint Andrew.

I look forward to walking with you as Pilgrims of Hope during this upcoming Holy Year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak  
Bishop of Grand Rapids

**MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS**

Sunday, December 15, 9:45 am

+Tom Rademacher (Ann Rademacher)

Monday, December 16, 9:00 am

Saint Edward Parish

Tuesday, December 17, 9:00 am

+ Barb Morey (Tim Martin)

Wednesday, December 18, 9:00 am

+Bill Bushong

Thursday, December 19, 12:10 pm

+ Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family

Friday, December 20, 9:00 am

+ Stanley Jessen (Alan Brodbeck)

Saturday, December 21, 6:00 pm

+Mike O’Mara ( Ruth O’Mara)

Lector: Pat St. A.

EMHC: Bill S. & Mary S.

Sunday, December 22, 9:45 am

+ Phil & Betty Spitzley (Bill & Collen King)

Lector: Alan B.

EMHC: Cindy G., Alan B., & Mary H

**Adoration**



Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.  
December 5, 19, & 26  
January 2,9,16, 23 & 30

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

**Added Confession Times**

Tuesday Mornings at 8 am through December and on Sunday, 15 from 3 pm - 5 pm. These are in addition to the regular Thursday evening confessions time 6:30 pm -7:30 pm.

Confession is also available by appointment.

The office will be closed on December 25 and January 1. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Mass to open Jubilee Year 2025**

Join Bishop Walkowiak and Catholics around the diocese as we mark the opening of Jubilee Year 2025. The celebration begins at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 29 at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew.

Mass will be live-streamed on the diocesan website and YouTube for those who are unable to attend.

**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/DiocesefofGrandRapids/](http://www.facebook.com/DiocesefofGrandRapids/)

**A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar**

Today’s gospel tells us to SHARE! This Christmas resist the pressure to give token gifts. Instead, use those funds to give NECESSITIES to the poor. If our impoverished brothers and sisters are not on our gift list, we’ve missed the point of Christmas.

**Please Pray for:**

Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong, Manuel Rodriguez, Julie Sutton VanLiew, the poor, 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 or the family member.*

**Grief Support Group**

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, January 2**, 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. Contact Fredia if you have any questions.

**December**

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

**January**

- 05. Faith Formation Class
- \*\* EPIPHANY PROGRAM @ 1 pm - pending volunteers**
- 12. Faith Formation Class
- 19. No Faith Formation Class
- 26. 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 pm to 8:00 pm at 753 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Please call Ann with questions at 616-374-8340.

12-18 The Mass Bishop Baron

**Living and Loving the Faith**

Join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8 pm 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.

- December 18 The Communion of Saints
- January 08 The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Christian Life
- January 15 Reconciliation and the Healing of Sin
- January 22 The Sacrament of Marriage
- January 29 The Universal Call to Mission
- February 05 The Beatitudes: Pathways to Holiness
- February 12 The Moral Life: Forming a Catholic Conscience
- February 19 Catholic Social Teaching: Faith in Action the Modern World

**Cor Men’s Group- The next meeting: January 11**

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.

**OUR PARISH OFFERING –Dec 7/8, 2024**

Adults	\$ 3,020.00
Loose:	\$ 304.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 3,324.00</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,850.00
<b>Overage/Shortage:</b>	<b>\$ ( 526.00)</b>

**July 1, 2024 – Dec 8, 2024 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections**

Year-to-Date:	\$ 89,837.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 88,550.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ 1,287.00

*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 December 22: Pat Drake & Bill Sutton**



The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 9, at 7 pm.**

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



Pray for Seminarian:  
Dominic Klaes  
University of St. Thomas  
St. John Vianney Seminary  
2115 Summit Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55105

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.

**WME Sharing Group- The next meeting: January 10**

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.