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St. Teresa of Calcutta:

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Joe Hickey, Grand Knight
Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the Month.

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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024
Saint Edward Church
531 Jordan Lake St.
Lake Odessa, MI 48849

Pastor: Father Tom Brown
frtombrown@ssppcatholic.com

Website: www.stedwardslakeodessa.org

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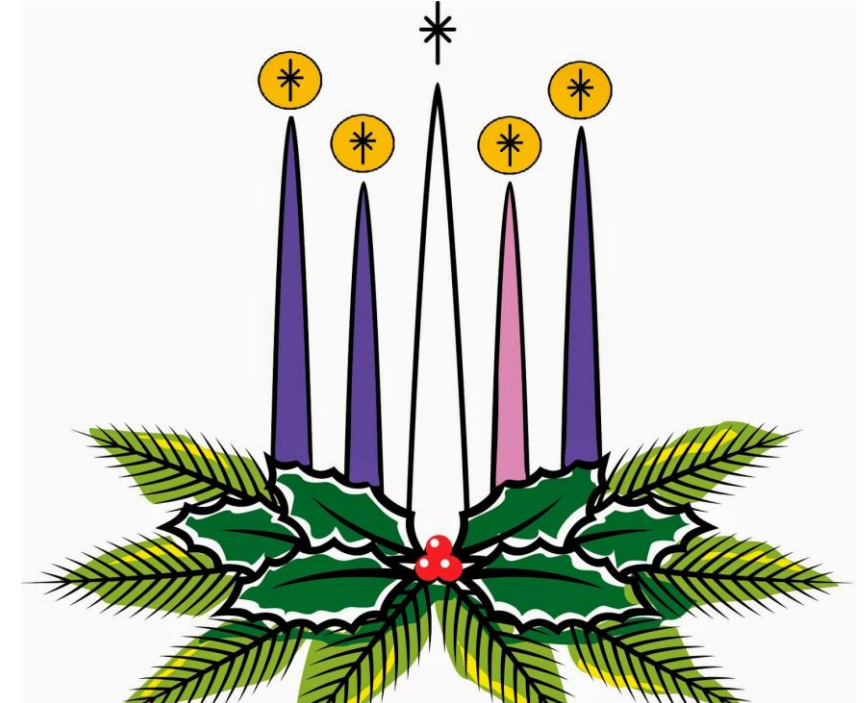
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Pastoral Council: Kathy Carnegie, Colleen King, and Fredia Wernette

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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: Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

23 Monday: Advent Weekday: Saint John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14 Lk 1:57-66

24 Tuesday: Advent Weekday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-112, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Lk 1:67-79

24 Tuesday: Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 27,29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25

25 Wednesday: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

26 Thursday: Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3c-4, 6, 8a, 16b-17 Mt 10:17-22

27 Friday: Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

28 Saturday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8 Mt 2:13-18

29 Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Lk 2:41-52

The Meek Were Kneeling

(from the Applause of Heaven, by Max Lucado)

“Blessed are the meek,” Jesus explained. Blessed are the available. Blessed are the conduits, the tunnels, the tools....

That’s why the announcement went first to the shepherds. They didn’t ask God if He was sure He knew what He was doing. Had the angel gone to theologians, they would have first consulted their commentaries. Had he gone to the elite, they would have looked around to see if anyone was watching. Had he gone to the successful, they would have first looked at their calendars.

So the angel was sent to the shepherds. Men who didn’t have a reputation to protect or an axe to grind or a ladder to climb. Men who didn’t know enough to tell God that angels don’t sing to sheep and that messiahs aren’t found wrapped in rags and sleeping in a feed trough....

A small cathedral outside Bethlehem marks the supposed birthplace of Jesus. Behind a high altar in the church is a cave, a little cavern lit by silver lamps. You can enter the main edifice and admire the ancient church. You can also enter the quiet cave where a star embedded on the floor recognizes the birth of the King. There is one stipulation, however. You have to stoop. The door is so low you can’t go in standing up. The same is true of Jesus Christ. You can see the world standing tall, but to witness the Savior, you have to get down on your knees.

So....

While the theologians were sleeping
And the elite were dreaming
And the successful were snoring,
The meek were kneeling.
They were kneeling before the One only the meek will see.

They were kneeling in front of Jesus.

May you have a very blessed Christmas,

Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, December 22, 9:45 am

+ Phil & Betty Spitzley (Bill & Collen King)

Monday, December 23, 9:00 am

+ Sylvia Welke (Judy Lyson)

Tuesday, December 24, 9:00 am

The Poor

Tuesday, December 24, 6:00 pm

The Homeless

Wednesday, December 25, 9:00 am

Saint Edward Parish

Thursday, December 26, 12:10 pm

The Widowed

Friday, December 27, 9:00 am

+ Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family

Saturday, December 28, 6:00 pm

The Sick

Lector: Dave B.

EMHC: Dave B. & Carolyn M.

Sunday, December 29, 9:45 am

Saint Edward Parish

Lector: Anne A.

EMHC: Chris V., Mary H., & Mike R.



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. These are in addition to the regular Thursday evening confessions time 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Confession is also available by appointment.

The office will be open on Monday and Friday only during the weeks of December 22- January 4. Regular hours will resume January 5, 2025.

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Mary was excited about her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Sadly, children are often seen as a liability, “another mouth to feed” or an “obstacle to my career.” It is said, “Christmas is for children.” It is more accurate to say “Christmas is for adults to appreciate the gift of children!”

Christmas A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today’s gospel reminds us God chose to enter human history in a family. By Divine design, the salvation of the world began in a family. The family was the best God the Creator could do for his Beloved Son. Jesus was our first Christmas gift.

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.

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| December | January |
| 01. Faith Formation Class | 05. Faith Formation Class |
| 08. Faith Formation Class | ** EPIPHANY PROGRAM @ |
| 15. Faith Formation Class | 1 pm - pending volunteers |
| 22/29. No Faith Formation Class | 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 5th Avenue. Classes will resume on January 8, 2025. Please call Ann with questions at 616-374-8340.

Living and Loving the Faith

Join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8 pm at 753 5th 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.

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| 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.

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/

OUR PARISH OFFERING –Dec 14/15, 2024

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| Adults | \$ 2,997.00 |
| Loose: | \$ 286.00 |
| Total receipts: | \$ 3,283.00 |
| Weekly Budget | \$ 3,850.00 |
| Overage/Shortage: | \$ (567.00) |

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

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| Year-to-Date: | \$ 93,120.00 |
| Budgeted Year-to-Date: | \$ 92,400.00 |
| Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date: | \$ 720.00 |

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 31: Janice Fyan & Carol Heinze



The next meeting will be on
Tuesday, January 14, at 7 pm.

Men of the Eucharist
Strengthen by CHRIST- Responding with Joy



Pray for Seminarian:
Jonathan Jensen
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 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.