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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

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. **9:00 AM**

Thursday **12:10 PM**

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday **6:30 PM-7:30 PM**

Tuesday **8 am**
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.



12 Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 104: 1b-4, 24-25, 27-30 Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7
 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

13 Monday: Weekday; Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Heb 1:1-6 Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9 Mk 1:14-20

14 Tuesday: Weekday

Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2a, 5-9 Mk 1:21-28

15 Wednesday: Weekday

Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Mk 1:29-39

16 Thursday: Weekday

Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-11 Mk 1:40-45

17 Friday: Saint Anthony, Abbot

Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8 Mk 2:1-12

18 Saturday: Weekday

Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mk 2:13-17

19 Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

John the Baptist and Jesus

We all remember with great joy the beginning of Jesus coming to earth. How Mary said “yes” to God’s angel and then traveled to see her cousin Elizabeth. Elizabeth’s unborn son John leapt for joy inside his mother’s womb. How did the unborn John sense the approach of the Son of God? And this was just the beginning of his story. He was born and his parents named him John just as the angel predicted. Although John and Jesus were cousins, we don’t get anything on their growing up except that they didn’t spend any time with each other. It is roughly 90 miles by foot to get from Mary’s house to Elizabeth. That would be like walking from Lansing to downtown Detroit. Add in no phones and no mail and it’s not surprising they never met each other. Until we get to this weekend with the Baptism of the Lord...

St. Luke gives us an extraordinary precise date for the beginning of John’s ministry. He writes, “In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, the word of God came to John the son of Zachariah in the wilderness.” He went throughout the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. He was “the voice of one crying out in the desert, prepare the way of the Lord.” Many are surprised and ask how they could do it! In addition to his baptisms, John preached changing their lives. Whoever has two tunics should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise. Tax collectors were told to stop collecting more than was prescribed. Soldiers were told to not practice extortion and be satisfied with your wages. So, John continued to preach and teach the people.

Some thought John might be the Messiah. But John was firm. NO! I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. I baptize you with water. He will do so with the Holy Spirit and fire. John testified further saying, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. I did not know him but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whoever you see the Spirit come down and remain, He is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God.”

When Jesus came to John the Baptist for his baptism John tries to talk him out of it, saying “I need to be baptized by you and yet you are coming to me?” But Jesus insisted that John allow it for now. So, it was. After Jesus was baptized, He came up out of the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him and they saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens proclaiming, “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.” Many saw and heard this.

These words and many more are all familiar for us. We have heard of them, read them and listened to homilies. But the real question is, have we taken them to heart? Do we believe? Are we putting our lives into practice with these words from God?

May God bless you!

Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

- Sunday, January 12, 9:45 am
+ Phil Spitzley (Bill & Collen King)
- Monday, January 13, 9:00 am
+ Edeltraud Gerhards (Bert Walliczek)
- Tuesday, January 14, 9:00 am
+Cody Sinke (Grief Support Group)
- Wednesday, January 15, 9:00 am
Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family
- Thursday, January 16, 12:10 pm
+ Larry Williams (Nuala Williams)
- Friday, January 17, 9:00 am

No Mass

- Saturday, January 18, 6:00 pm
+Jack Adams (Anne Adams)
Lector: Kathy S.
EMHC: Bill & Mary S.
- Sunday, January 19, 9:45 am
+ Alice Jean Shields (Grief Support Group)
Lector: Allen B.
EMHC: Allen B., Mary H., & Mike R.

No Friday Masses-

Beginning on January 17th and going forward, there will be no daily Masses on Fridays at St. Edward and SS. Peter & Paul until further notice. Fr. Tom Brown and his sisters are taking turns caring for their mother round-the-clock.

Adoration

Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.
January 16, 23 & 30



Adorers Schedule for January 16

6-7 pm Cindy & Mary Gillette; Mary Endres
7-8 pm Andrew Coates: **Open**
We need one more adorer for 7- 8 pm.

We are looking for adorers for 7- 8 pm on the first, third, fourth and fifth Thursdays of the month and 6-7 pm on the fourth and fifth Thursday. There is supposed to be 2 adorers at all times. Prayerful ponder, spending **one hour** a month in adoration of our Lord? If you can contact Suzanne King at 269-271-6406 for more information.

Cor Men’s Group- The next meeting: February 15

Join us as the Cor Men’s Group at 8:00 am. For more information contact Andrew Coates at (269) 838-4418.

WME Sharing Group- The next meeting: February

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

Please Pray for:

Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong, Manuel Rodriguez, Julie Sutton VanLiew, the hungry, 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, February 6**, 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.

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
05. Faith Formation Class	02. Faith Formation Class
12. Faith Formation Class	09. No Faith Formation
19. No Faith Formation Class	15. Faith Formation Class
26. Faith Formation Class	22. Faith Formation Class

OCIA (RCIA) 2024-2025

O.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.

- 1-15 Overview of the Sacraments & Baptism Alan
- 1-22 Eucharist Fr. Tom
- 1-29 Reconciliation Andrew
- 2-05 Marriage Suzanne
- 2-12 Confirmation Alan
- 2-19 Mary & the Communion of Saints Gary
- 2-26 Holy Orders & the Anointing of the Sick Fr. Tom
- 3-12 Last 4 things Death, Judgement, Heaven, Hell & Purgatory Jerry
- 3-19 Virtues Cardinal & Theological Anne
- 3-26 Prayer Jerry
- 4-02 Trinity & the Incarnation Andrew
- 4-09 Paschal Mystery Gary

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.

- 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

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Jan 4/5, 2025

Adults	\$ 7,100.00
Loose:	\$ 269.00
Total receipts:	\$ 7,369.00
Budgeted Weekly:	\$ 3,850.00
Overage/Shortage:	\$ 3,519.00

July 1, 2024 – Jan 5, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 111,302.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 103,950.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ 7,352.00

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 January 19: Betsy Weiland & Bill Sutton



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

K of C Lucky 300 raffle drawing winners for the week of 1/5/2025:

\$ 175	Kris Galaviz
\$ 50	Jesse Adams
\$ 25	Amelia Spitzley

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



Pray for Seminarian:
Daniel T. Wilson
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.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In today’s gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am very pleased.” As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors, we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.