

# Diocese of Grand Rapids

Office of the Bishop

Dear supporters of Catholic school education,

We have much to be grateful for as we approach Catholic Schools Week, January 26 - February 1. The Catholic educational institutions in our diocese are on mission, together with the Church, to bring young people into a daily encounter with our Lord and to prepare them to seek and fulfill God's plan for their lives. This personal relationship with the Lord is key to living out our baptismal call to love God and neighbor, and to become ambassadors for Christ.

We can see the fruit of these efforts here already. In a recent standardized test, the Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education, 97.5% of 8 th grade Catholic school students in the diocese say they have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and 86% of them share their faith with others. I am grateful for this impact upon our students.

Catholic schools are good news for our children, good news for the Church, and good news for our world. They must be celebrated and supported in our times. You are integral in this endeavor. Thank you for the ways you have supported our 31 Catholic schools, Aquinas College, and Harmel Academy of the Trades through prayer, financial support, and advocacy. You make the transformative power of an education that nurtures the whole person, body, mind, and soul possible.

Whether through word of mouth, personal stories, or community outreach, your involvement is essential in our efforts to retain thriving Catholic schools. If you are considering Catholic education for your own family, I invite you to explore the many options available to you by visiting CatholicSchools4U.org or calling our Office of Catholic Schools at (616) 246-0590.

I invite you to pray for and spread the mission of Catholic schools within your community during this upcoming week and throughout the year.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak Bishop of Grand Rapids

January 26, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS Sunday, January 26, 9:45 am Saint Edward Parish Monday, January 27, 9:00 am + Steve Goble (Connie Goble) Tuesday, January 28, 9:00 am +Alice J. Sheilds (Connie Goble) Wednesday, January 29, 9:00 am Dorr & Helen Bissell (Roger & Dee Manshum) Thursday, January 30, 12:10 pm + Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family Friday, January 31, 9:00 am No Mass Saturday, February 01, 6:00 pm + Edeltraud Gerhards (Bert Walliczek) Lector: Greg H. EMHC: Yvonne & Carolyn M. Sunday, February 02, 9:45 am + Joe & Leona Tomandl (Gerald & Diane Tomandl) Lector: Alan B. EMHC: Mike R., Mary H., & Alan B.

# No Friday Masses-

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 30 February 6, 13, 20, & 27

> Adorers Schedule for January 30 6-7 pm **Open/ Open** 7-8 pm **Open/ Open**

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

**Cor Men's Group- The next meeting: February 8** 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  $2^{nd}$  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.

#### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive' by our EXPECTATIONS.

#### The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Please Pray for:

Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong, Manuel Rodriguez, Julie Sutton VanLiew, Pamula Pontis, 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 in you have any questions.

#### <u>January</u>

05. Faith Formation Class12. Faith Formation Class19. No Faith Formation Class26. Faith Formation Class

**February** 02. Faith Formation Class 09. No Faith Formation 15. 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 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

- 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 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.

January 29The Universal Call to MissionFebruary 05The Beatitudes: Pathways to HolinessFebruary 12The Moral Life: Forming a Catholic ConscienceFebruary 19Catholic Social Teaching: Faith in Action the<br/>Modern World

# 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: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/DioceseofGrandRapids/">www.facebook.com/DioceseofGrandRapids/</a>



	January 26,	
OUR PA	ARISH OFFERING – Jan 11/12, 2025	
Adults	\$ 2,962.00	
Loose:	\$ 208.00	
<b>Total receipts</b>	\$ 3,170.00	
Budgeted Wee	kly: \$ 3,850.00	
Overage/Shor	tage: \$ ( 680.00)	
July 1, 2024 -	Jan 12, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collec	tions
Year-to-Date:	\$ 114,472.00	
Budgeted Year	r-to-Date: \$ 107,800.00	
Overage/Shor	tage Year-to-Date: \$ 6,672.00	
	Jan 18/19, 2025	
Adults	\$ 2,708.00	
Loose:	\$ 231.00	
<b>Total receipts</b>	: \$ 2,939.00	
Budgeted Wee	kly: \$ 3,850.00	
Overage/Shor	<b>tage:</b> \$ ( 911.00)	
July 1, 2024 –	Jan 19, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collec	tions
Year-to-Date:	\$ 117,411.00	
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0	tage Year-to-Date: \$ 5,761.00	
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Sunday and He	oly Day offertory only.	
Your weekly of	offering envelopes can be dropped off at the	e offic
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through the ma	ail to: St. Edward Church	
	531 Jordan Lake St.	
	Lake Odessa, MI, 48849	
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