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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025

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

Pastor: Father Tom Brown
ftombrown@sspccatholic.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. **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.



16 Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5-8 Ps1:1-4, 6 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26

17 Monday: Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Gn 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50: 1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 Mk 8:11-13

18 Tuesday: Weekday

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 1 Ps 29:1a, 2, 3-4, 9c-10 Mk 8:14-21

19 Wednesday: Weekday

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 Ps 116:12-15, 18-19 Mk 8:22-26

20 Thursday: Weekday

Gn 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18, 19-23, 29 Mk 8:27-33

21 Friday: Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Gn 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-15 Mk 8:34-9:1

22 Saturday: The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6 Mt 16:13-19

23 Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

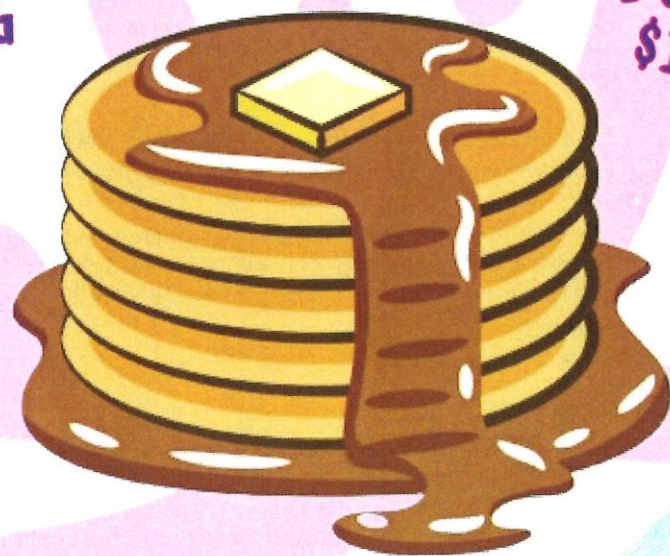
1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38

ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER

all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, & applesauce

Saturday, February 22nd, 2025 - 5:30-7:30 pm
St. Edward's Family Center
(741 Washington Blvd., Lake Odessa)

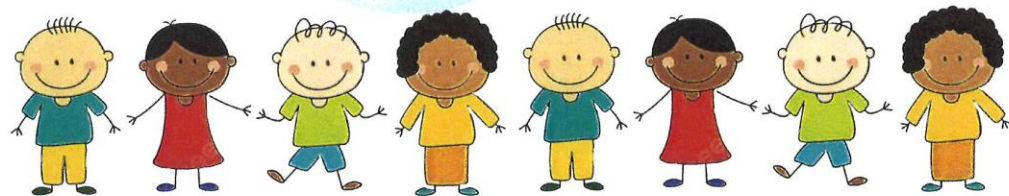
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PROFITS GO TO ST. EDWARD'S PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

WHERE LEARNING AND PLAY ARE ALL IN GOD'S HANDS!



"Hope in the Truth of Beauty"
Presented by Dr. Benjamin G. Lockerd
Feb. 28
7 – 9 p.m.
Donnelly Center at Aquinas College

Philosophers have long considered three subjects of contemplation to be paramount: the True, the Good, and the Beautiful—called the Transcendentals. All three of these are considered by many people today purely relativistic concepts, and one of the goals of the Catholic educator must be to contradict the prevailing relativism. Of the three, beauty is often thought to be the most subjective, for “beauty is in the eye of the beholder.” There is some truth to this old saying, but it is not the whole truth. Great thinkers have over the ages argued that beautiful creations have some characteristics in common. Advocates of literary art have further maintained that beautiful writings are effective in moving our hearts to follow truth and to do what is good. We should find profound hope in fact that the imagination can capture great truths of the human heart and move us to live virtuously.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience Opportunities

This Valentine's Day, give your spouse the gift of time away together enriching your marriage and your faith at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience! Upcoming experiences are being held **February 28-March 2** at Center for Ministry in Saginaw; **April 4-6** at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt; **June 16-18** at Center for Ministry in Saginaw; and Aug. 1-3 at Augustine Center in Petoskey. Apply today at wwme.org or contact Amy & Joe Kopacz at 517-667-0433 for more info.

Days of Hope

Turn your faith into action this Jubilee Year by serving your community alongside Catholic Charities West Michigan (CCWM)! On Friday, **March 7**, join Catholic Charities West Michigan's first of three “Days of Hope,” a special time set aside to serve those in need. Choose from a variety of unique opportunities to help those in your neighborhood thrive, including:

- Organizing donations at St. Gianna's No Cost Baby Boutique for young families in need
- Building Gianna Boxes or "baby showers in a box" for expecting parents
- Creating self-care Kits to help families in need
- Package home-delivered meals to reach those who are homebound
- Craft corsages to encourage and uplift our senior community at Catholic Charities West Michigan's annual senior prom

March 7 is a chance for you to provide tangible signs of hope in the lives of those who need it most. Together, we can offer support, build relationships, and create a sense of community and belonging for all. Save the date and sign up today at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4CA4AD22AAF58-54799281-days#/> or visit ccwestmi.org/jubilee for more information.

Wine & Wills: An In-Depth Legacy Seminar

Saturday, March 29

1 – 4 p.m.

Cathedral Square Center, 360 Division Ave. S., Grand Rapids

Planning for the future can be a challenging topic, but it is also an essential way to care for loved ones, uphold your faith values, and ensure your wishes are honored. Enjoy light refreshments and a glass of wine in a relaxed atmosphere as you learn from legal and spiritual experts. Whether you're just starting to think about end-of-life decisions or looking to refine your plans, this event will equip you with the tools and peace of mind to move forward with confidence. RSVP today to secure your spot! <https://catholicfoundationwmi.org/wine-wills/>

Facilitate your charitable giving, receive a tax deduction, and avoid capital gains. You can use appreciated stock to create a donor advised fund and give to what you care about including your parish offertory and the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). To receive a personalized illustration of how this could work for you, please contact Teresa Reid at the Catholic Foundation of West Michigan at (616) 295-4351 or treid@cfwmi.org

Did you attend the National Eucharistic Congress or SEEK?

Bishop Walkowiak invites all pilgrims who made their way to Indianapolis or Salt Lake City to a special follow-up gathering. Our first hour together will be with Jesus in adoration and then we'll have time to socialize and share our ideas to go out on mission.

March 4

Holy Hour at 6 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew

Followed by a reception (7-8:30 p.m.) in the parish center

Please RSVP for planning purposes: surveyMonkey.com/r/HolyHour030425



DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS
Office of the Bishop

February 2025

The Diocese of Grand Rapids Office of Communications issues the following statement from Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak, bishop of Grand Rapids, congratulating Bishop Edward Weisenburger on his appointment as archbishop of Detroit.

This morning brings news of great joy to our Province that our Holy Father has appointed Most Reverend Edward Weisenburger, bishop of Tucson, as the new archbishop of Detroit! Bishop Weisenburger is a man of great Eucharistic faith. He has spoken passionately in defense of our migrant brothers and sisters and care for creation. His heart for these priorities will be a great blessing as he begins his episcopal ministry in the Archdiocese.

We thank Archbishop Vigneron for his 16 years of faithful ministry to the people of Detroit and the Province of Detroit. He was one of the first to warmly welcome me when I was appointed Bishop of Grand Rapids, and he ordained me as bishop. His emphasis on evangelization has reinvigorated the Church in Detroit and I am grateful for his leadership on this priority for the Universal Church.

On behalf of the clergy, religious, and people of God of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, I wish to extend my congratulations and welcome Bishop Weisenburger as he begins his ministry to the people of the Archdiocese, and wish Archbishop Vigneron every blessing in his retirement.

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, February 16, 9:45 am
Saint Edward Parish
Monday, February 17, 9:00 am
+ Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family
Tuesday, February 18, 9:00 am
+ Sylvia Welke (Judy Lyson)
Wednesday, February 19, 9:00 am
+Edeltraud Gerhards (Nobert Walliczek)
Thursday, February 20, 12:10 pm
Marsha Stadel (Gerald & Diane Tomandl)
Friday, February 21, 9:00 am

No Mass

Saturday, February 22, 6:00 pm
+ Irma Galaviz (Gerald & Diane Tomandl)
Lector: Rosann S.
EMHC: Pat S. & Yvonne M.
Sunday, February 23, 9:45 am
+ Phil Spitzley (Gerald & Diane Tomandl)
Lector: Alan B.
EMHC: Alan B., & Janice F.

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.
February 20, & 27



Adorers Schedule for February 20
6-7 pm **Cindy/Mary Gillette & Mary Endres**
7-8 pm **Andrew Coates / 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: March 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 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.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Don't look very far when you hear today's gospel speak of poverty, hunger, sorrow or exclusion. These things happen in families. Children feel "insulted" when they are constantly criticized. Spouses "hunger" for affection. Grandparents feel "excluded" by divorce and custody decisions. Parents "weep" because they feel alienated from their children.

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 meeting that was to take place on February 6 was rescheduled and will be on **Thursday, February 20**, 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.

February	02 Faith Formation Class
02. Faith Formation Class	09 Faith Formation Class- Lent
09. No Faith Formation	16 Faith Formation Class- Plus Stations
15. Faith Formation Class	23 No Faith Formation Class
22. Faith Formation Class	30 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 to 8:00 pm at 753 5th Avenue.

- 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.

February 19 Catholic Social Teaching: Faith in Action the Modern World

Part 3: Defense of the Faith

- February 26 Objections of the Catholic View of Scripture & Tradition
- March 05 Objections to The Papacy & Church Authority
- March 12 Objections to the Eucharist & the Sacraments
- March 19 Objection to Mary and the Saints
- March 26 Other Common Objections to the Faith

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE MARDI GRAS DINNER.

MARCH 2 AT 1:00p.m. IN THE FAMILY CENTER.
DINNER AND GAMES AFTER. EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW.



OUR PARISH OFFERING – Feb 8/9, 2025

Adults	\$ 4,325.00
Loose:	\$ 172.00
Total receipts:	\$ 4,497.00
Budgeted Weekly:	\$ 3,850.00
Overage/Shortage:	\$ 647.00

July 1, 2024 – Feb 9, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 128,982.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 123,200.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ 5,782.00

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 February 16: Betsy Weiland & Carole Heinze

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 11, at 7 pm**



Lucky 300 raffle drawing winners 2/9/2025:
\$ 175 Janice Fyan
\$ 50 Gil Cron
\$ 25 Frank Agostinelli

Men of the Eucharist Strengthen by CHRIST- Responding with Joy



Pray for Seminarian:
Matthew D. Critchell
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.

Discernment Meeting – February 16, March 23 & May 4

Discernment is a time of obtaining spiritual guidance and understanding. If you are considering the priesthood, the Diocese of Grand Rapids invites you to meet each month with other your men in high school and college to gather and discern God's will for your life. We will meet at St. Luke University Parish, 10144 42nd Ave., Georgetown Twp., MI 49428, from 12:30- 1:30 pm.

Contact Director of Priestly Vocations Fr. Rob Mulderink
frrob@lukespot.com