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Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



February 09, 2025

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Pastor: Father Tom Brown
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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

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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.

09 Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 Ps38:1-5, 7-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 5:1-11

10 Monday: Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Gn 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c Mk 6:53-56

11 Tuesday: Weekday; Our lake of Lourdes

Gn 1:20-2:4a Ps 8:4-9 Mk 7:1-13

12 Wednesday: Weekday

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29b-30 Mk 7:14-23

13 Thursday: Weekday

Gn 3:1-8 Ps 128:1-5 Mk 7:24-30

14 Friday: Saint Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop

Gn 3:1-8 Ps 128:1-5 Mk 7:31-37

15 Saturday: Weekday

Gn 3:9-24 Ps 90:2-6, 12-13 Mk 8:1-10

16 Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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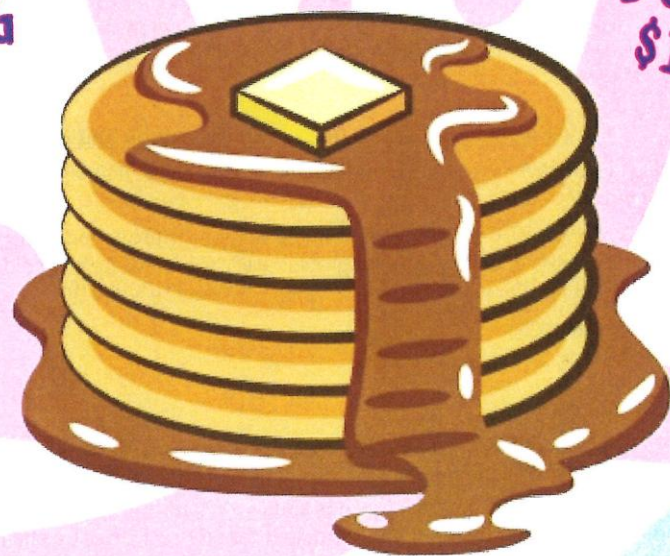
all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, & applesauce

Saturday, February 22nd, 2025 - 5:30-7:30 pm

St. Edward's Family Center

(741 Washington Blvd., Lake Odessa)

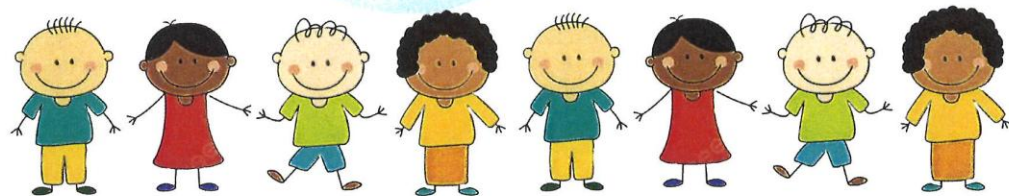
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Join us for upcoming Jubilee 2025 events

Receive Christ's forgiveness and mercy

In addition to regularly scheduled confession times in our parishes, Bishop Walkowiak will preside at a penance service at St. Francis de Sales Church in Norton Shores on Feb. 25 from 6-8 pm.

"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 the truth and to do what is good. We should find profound hope, in the fact, that the imagination can capture great truths of the human heart and move us to live virtuously.

Find additional Jubilee Year events at Aquinas by visiting: aquinas.edu/jubilee-2025

Symposium on the True, the Good, and the Beautiful

March 1

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Donnelly Center at Aquinas College

Presentations on academic and artistic work that follow in the tradition of expressing truth, goodness, and beauty.

The Creed Series – March 6-27, 2025 (in person and online)

“The coming Jubilee Year will also coincide with a significant date for all Christians, namely, the 1700th anniversary of the celebration of the first great Ecumenical Council, that of Nicaea.” (*Spes non confundit*, 17)

Offered on Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the [Catholic Information Center](#) (360 Division Ave. S, Grand Rapids), and online. The topics for each session in the series align with each section of the Creed. Dr. Jared Ortiz will present the sessions on March 6 and 27 and Father Lam Le will present the sessions on March 13 and 20:

March 6: I believe in God the Father Almighty

March 13: I believe in Jesus Christ

March 20: I believe in the Holy Spirit

March 27: I believe in the Holy Catholic Church

About the presenters: Dr. Ortiz is the co-author of *The Nicene Creed: A Scriptural, Historical, and Theological Commentary* and founder and executive director of the [Saint Benedict Institute](#) on the campus of Hope College, where he teaches Catholic theology. Father Lam Le is pastor of [St. John Paul II Parish](#) in Cedar Springs and [Mary Queen of Apostles Parish](#) in Sand Lake. He is the diocesan director of evangelization and director of continuing formation for priests. Father Le chairs the diocesan Jubilee Committee.

“For where your treasure is there will be your heart also.” - **Matthew 6:21** As Christians we know we take nothing with us after we are gone. Making or updating your will would be a good New Year’s resolution to ensure your assets provide for good. After taking care of family and loved ones, please remember to include your parish endowment fund in your will or estate plans. Plan your legacy at www.cfwmlegacy.org.

For more information, contact Teresa Reid at the Catholic Foundation of West Michigan at (616) 295-4351 or treid@cfwmi.org.

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 Feb. 28-Mar. 2 at Center for Ministry in Saginaw; Apr. 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.

Sunday Mass

In a reflection for Mass last Wednesday, it was written “There is bitterness, and then there is something worse than bitterness, that is, a ‘bitter root.’ A bitter root springs up and produces such evils as hatred, racism, unforgiveness, resentment, deception, violence, and cruelty. Because a bitter root is so productive of destructive actions. This in turn can contribute to people choosing to fall “away from the grace of God.”

We know that all Christian denominations encourage members to attend faithfully every week. As far as I know, we are the only one that carries it a step further to say it is a sin to deliberately skip Sunday Mass. But in our modern society, many choose not to attend and don’t see anything wrong with it. Our Catholic Church’s insistence is very old. It dates back century after century to the very early days of Christianity. St. Ignatius of Antioch wrote in a letter to the Ephesians, “Try to gather together more frequently to give thanks to God and to praise Him. For when you come together frequently, Satan’s powers are undermined, and the destruction that he threatens is done away with in the unanimity of your faith. Nothing is better than peace, in which all warfare between heaven and earth is brought to an end.”

This assumes of course that we have developed a perfect faith and love toward Jesus Christ. Showing up bored, or wishing this will get over quickly so I can get to what I really want, or doing this just to keep Mom and Dad (or whoever) off my back is not helpful and in fact, will produce the opposite effect. We need faith and love in our relationship with God. When these two are found together, there is God and everything else concerning right living follows from them. No one professing faith sins for it is a rebellion against God. No one possessing love hates. A tree is known by its fruit. So those who belong to Christ will be known by what they do. For the work we are about is not a matter of words here and now, but depends on the power of faith and on being faithful to the very end. It is better to remain silent and to be in good conscience than to speak but not to be. Teaching is good if the speaker also acts on it.

Now there was one teacher who “spoke and it was made.” Even what He did in silence is worthy of the Father. He who has the word of Jesus can truly listen also to his silence so that he may act through his speech and be known by his silence. Nothing is hidden from the Lord. Even our secrets are clearly known by Jesus!

Our Lord received anointing on his head at his baptism in order to breathe incorruptibility into the Church. Do not be anointed with the evil order of the teachings of the prince of this world, that he may not lead you captive away from the life that is set before you by the Church. Why do some fail? It is because they see the teachings of Jesus as a stumbling block instead of as salvation and life.

May God bless you!

Fr. Tom

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

- Sunday, February 09, 9:45 am
+ Raymond & Evelyn Orth (Gerald & Diane Tomandl)
- Monday, February 10, 9:00 am
+ Edeltraud Gerhards (Bert Walliczek)
- Tuesday, February 11, 9:00 am
+ Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family
- Wednesday, February 12, 9:00 am
Ruth O’Mara (Diane Tomandl)
- Thursday, February 13, 12:10 pm
Saint Edward Parish
- Friday, February 14, 9:00 am

No Mass

- Saturday, February 15, 6:00 pm
+ Jill VanDeVelde (Charles VanDeVelde)
- Lector: Alan B.
- EMHC: Alan B. & Yvonne M.
- Sunday, February 16, 9:45 am
Saint Edward Parish
Lector: Anne A.
EMHC: Carole H., Mik R., & Mary H.

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 13, 20, & 27



Adorers Schedule for February 13
6-7 pm **Frank & Sherri Agostinelli/**
Jamie & Darren Shafer
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

In today’s gospel Jesus asked Simon to start by “going a short distance.” Later he asked Simon to “go into deeper water.” The first step toward reconciliation is usually a “short distance” which gives us the courage to go further “into deeper water.” Reconciliation starts with the first short step!

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 if you have any questions.

February	March
02. Faith Formation Class	02 Faith Formation Class
09. No Faith Formation	09 Faith Formation Class- Lent
15. Faith Formation Class	16 Faith Formation Class- Plus Stations
22. Faith Formation Class	23 No 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.

- 2-12 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.

- February 12 The Moral Life: Forming a Catholic Conscience
- 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
- April 2 Understanding Moralistic Therapeutic Deism
- April 9 Living and Loving the Faith in the Modern World

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Feb 1/2, 2025

Adults	\$ 3,180.00
Loose:	\$ 171.00
Total receipts:	\$ 3,351.00
Budgeted Weekly:	\$ 3,850.00
Overage/Shortage:	\$ (499.00)

July 1, 2024 – Feb 2, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date:	\$ 124,485.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$ 119,350.00
Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date:	\$ 5,135.00

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 2/2/2025:

- \$ 175 Stetson King
- \$ 50 Oliver Spitzley
- \$ 25 Marcia Spear

Men of the Eucharist

Strengthen by CHRIST- Responding with Joy



Pray for Seminarian:
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University of St. Thomas
St. John Vianney Seminary
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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