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Council #14404  
Joe Hickey, Grand Knight  
Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday  
of the Month.

### SAINT EDWARD FAMILY CENTER

741 Washington Blvd.  
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# Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

## Third Sunday in Lent

**March 23, 2025**

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

**Pastor:** Father Tom Brown  
[frtombrown@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:frtombrown@ssppcatholic.com)

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Catholic Church

### 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:

Monday                              **9:00 AM**

Tuesday                            **9:00 AM**

Wednesday                       **9:00 AM**

Thursday                          **12:10 PM**

Friday                               **9:00 AM**

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

**or by appointment**

**Secretary:** Katherine Martin 616-374-7253

**Bookkeeper:** Dan Shields

**DRE:** Fredia 616-374-7253 ext. 202

**Hall Manager:** Fredia 616-374-7253 ext. 201

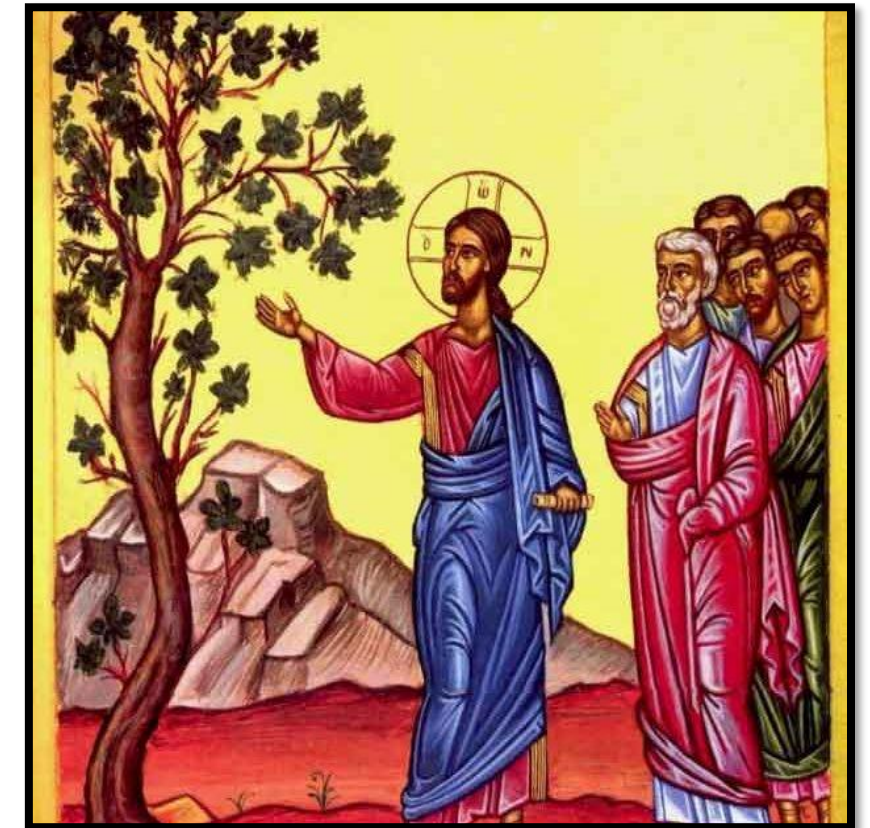
**Prayer Chain:** Gayle Peacock 616-374-8274

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

**Financial Council:** Andrew Snider,  
Jerry Tomandl, Allen Hamp, Chris Vinton,  
Mary Gillette & Marty Kretovic

### 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.



### 23 Sunday: Third Sunday in Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11 1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12  
Lk 13:1-9

### 24 Monday: Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1-15b Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30

### 25 Tuesday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 Mt 23:1-12

### 26 Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19

### 27 Thursday: Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:5-10 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23

### 28 Friday: Lenten Weekday

Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17 Mk 12:28-34

### 29 Saturday: Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b Lk 18:9-14

### 30 Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12 Ps 34:2-7 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32





DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

March 22/23, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,  
In this Jubilee Year, we are called to bring Christ’s love to those in desperate need. As we approach the annual Catholic Relief Services Collection, March 29/30, I ask for your prayerful consideration and generous support of this collection which supports six Catholic agencies that strive to bring about positive change for those who live on the margins.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells us, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Mt. 5:9). The cry for peace and justice in our world is loud and urgent. From the victims of war to displaced families fleeing violence and poverty, the need for compassionate action has never been greater.

One example of the collection’s far-reaching impact can be found in Colombia, a country plagued by more than 60 years of guerilla warfare. The USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace, which receives funding through this collection, provided crucial support and powerful connections as the bishops of Colombia lobbied in Washington, D.C., and in their own nation to promote a peace process that has made significant strides. You can answer the call to be a peacemaker and ensure this process continues. Together, we can help build a more just and peaceful world where the cry for justice is heard, and the light of peace shines brightly.

Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection. I encourage you to give generously. To learn more about how your gift will make an impact, please visit [usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://usccb.org/catholic-relief).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+D J Walkowiak

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak  
Bishop of Grand Rapids


**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](http://grdiocese.org) or the diocesan Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/DioceseofGrandRapids/](http://www.facebook.com/DioceseofGrandRapids/)

MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, March 23, 9:45 am  
+ Elsie Marrow (Marty & Gayla Kretovic)  
Monday, March 24, 9:00 am  
+ Living & Deceased Members of the Walliczek Family  
Tuesday, March 25, 9:00 am  
Saint Edward Church  
Wednesday, March 26, 9:00 am  
Rosie Hickey (Prayer Partner)  
Thursday, March 27, 12:10 pm  
+ Geraldine Hodge (Irene Miller)

Friday, March 28, 9:00 am  
Saint Edward Parish  
Saturday, March 29, 6:00 pm  
+Alice Wernette (Bill & Colleen King)  
Lector: Pat St. A  
EMHC: Carolyn M., & Yvonne M.  
Sunday, March 30, 9:45 am  
+ Kay Bodenmuller (Marty& Gayla Kretovic)  
Lector: Alan B.  
EMHC: Alan B., Mike R., & Chris V.

**Stations of the Cross** will be on Friday evenings 6:30 pm from starting on March 7. We are still in need of people to lead the stations. Contact the office for available dates.



**Adoration**  
Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.  
March 27  
April 3,10, & 24

Adorers Schedule for March 27  
6-7 pm Fredia Wernette/ OPEN  
7-8 pm Anne Adams/ OPEN

Are you looking for something to do with the family for Lent? Sign up to be an adorer. Open times are 7- 8 pm on the first, third, fourth and fifth Thursdays of the month and 6-7 pm on the fourth and fifth Thursday. Prayerfully ponder, spending **one hour** a month in adoration of our Lord. Contact Suzanne King at 269-271-6406 for more information.

A Family Perspectiveby Bud Ozar

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don’t live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don’t cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.

**Cor Men’s Group-**  
Join us for the Cor Men’s Group at 8:00 am on the second Saturday of the month. For more information contact Andrew Coates at (269) 838-4418.

**WME 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 or Darla Vinton at 410-487-5226.

Please Pray for:

Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong, Manuel Rodriguez, Julie Sutton VanLiew, Bill Sutton & 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 April 4 at 1:00 pm, in the library. For more information, please call Marsha at (269)367-4403.

ST. EDWARD’S PRESCHOOL

Open Enrollment for 2025-26  
We are now planning for the 2025-26 preschool year. We are accepting applications from families who would like their child to attend our program this Fall. Class size is small, which provides your child a better chance to develop socially as well as academically. If you would like more information, please contact us at 616-374-7253 x4, email [fredia@wowway.biz](mailto:fredia@wowway.biz), or stop by the St. Edward Family Center. Enrollment applications are located in the south entrance of the church.  
Blessings,  
Ms. Fredia / Program Director of St. Edward’s Preschool

K-12 FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Faith Formation will be at 11 am on Sunday. Contact Fredia if you have any questions.

<u>March</u> 02 Faith Formation Class 09 Faith Formation Class- Lent 16 Faith Formation Class- Plus Stations 23 <b>No Faith Formation Class</b> 30 Faith Formation Class	<u>April</u> 06 <b>No Faith Formation</b> - Spring Break 13 Faith Formation Class 20 <b>No Faith Formation</b> - Easter 27 Faith Formation Class - <b>Last class!</b>
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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 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

3-26 Prayer Jerry  
4-02 Trinity and Incarnation Andrew  
4-09 Paschal Mystery Gary  
4-16 Wind up and questions Alan

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.

Part 3: Defense of the Faith

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 – Mar 15/16, 2025

Adults \$ 4,217.00  
Loose: \$ 217.00  
**Total receipts: \$ 4,434.00**  
Budgeted Weekly: \$ 3,850.00  
**Overage/Shortage: 584.00**

July 1, 2024 – Mar 16, 2025 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date: \$ 150,835.00  
Budgeted Year-to-Date: \$ 142,450.00  
**Overage/Shortage Year-to-Date: \$ 8,385.00**

*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 March 30:

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on  
**Tuesday, April 8**



Lucky 300 K of C raffle drawing winners  
For the week of 3/16/2025  
\$ 175 Danielle Mesecar  
\$ 50 Cheryl Stanfield  
\$ 25 Janice Fyan

**THANK YOU** all for the participation in our Saturday projects! St. Edward's Knights of Columbus are making a difference!

Pie sales were double over last year. Six hundred ten pies found their way back to Lake Odessa to benefit the Preschool and Council 14404. A big thank you goes out to Judy Rodriguez who nearly doubled our Knight's order by herself! Thank you also to Andy Snider the Pie Chairman and pastry transportation along with Joe Coates.

Men of the EucharistStrengthen by CHRIST- Responding with Joy



Patrick Truskowski  
Mundelein Seminary  
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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.